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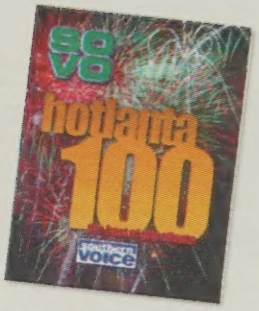

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Bank merger expands DP benefits

R.O. YOUNGBLOOD

First Union's looming merger with Wachovia will create the largest bank in Atlanta, and fourth-largest in the nation, and give domestic partner benefits to former Wachovia employees.

As First Union and Wachovia merge, new company announces plan to adopt domestic partner benefits, which only one had offered before

by ERIC ERICKSON

ATLANTA—The merger between Wachovia and First Union will mean expanded domestic partner benefits for gay employees, company officials said Wednesday.

Last week, shareholders approved a merger of the two banks, which would create the fourth-largest bank in the U.S. and the largest in Atlanta.

While Charlotte-based First Union offers domestic partner benefits to its gay employees, Winston-Salem, N.C.-based Wachovia does not. Whether First Union's old benefits package would carry over to the new company, to be called the New Wachovia, remained unclear at the time of the vote.

But a spokesperson for Wachovia said Wednesday the new company will offer domestic partner benefits.

Company officials "probably figured that it had worked well with First Union, and it was an important enough benefit that we needed to keep it with the new company," said Vince Scanlon, a spokesperson for Wachovia.

The DP benefits offered by First Union which will be adopted by the new company include health insurance and family and bereavement leave.

"We had set forth core values to guide us in terms of how we did business in the company and treated people, and one of our core values was to value the individual,"said First Union spokesperson Arati Randolph. "We felt very

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ATLANTA—Gay political activists fear that politicians' focus on numbers may spell "trouble" with a capital "T" for gay influence in the state legislature as Georgia's redistricting battle continues.

Gay political observers said they are concerned that Rep. Karla Drenner (D-Avondale), the state's only openly gay lawmaker, will have a tougher fight to re-election under proposed new district lines.

Some gay political leaders said those proposals may throw Drenner into a more conservative district and as a result make her sexual orientation an election issue next year.

"I think people are concerned," said Lawrie Demorest, a member of the board of directors for the Human Rights Campaign, the national gay rights advocacy group. "Should we be concerned? I guess it depends on who you want to believe."

Drenner said she encourages gay voters to get involved.

"I have some friends, and they are watching, just like I want everybody to watch," she said. "[Otherwise], they may wake up three weeks from now and their seat at the table may be gone."

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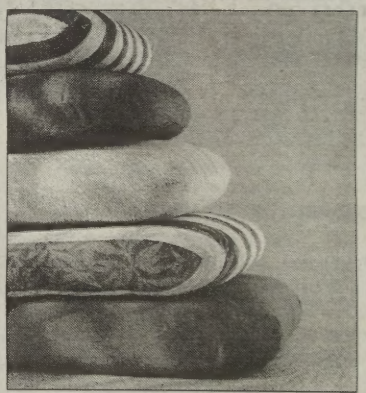

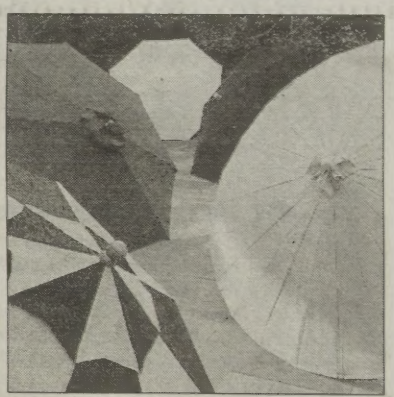

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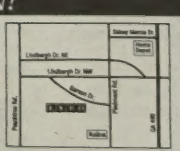

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Could Genome Project reveal 'gay gene'?

As government researchers delve into human DNA and race, scientists ponder whether similar studies could answer questions about sexual orientation

by WILL O'BRYAN

WASHINGTON—As the National Human Genome Research Institute, which oversees the international Human Genome Project for the National Institutes of Health, begins to open the lid on examining differences between geographically isolated populations, some wonder what eventual impact the project could hold for gays.

While the phrase "geographically isolated populations" may sound fairly innocuous, it translates in layman's terms to race. What scientists want to know is whether or not the genes that lead to some inherited diseases common to specific ethnic populations can be isolated. The proposed methodology is to compare a composite human genome—basically the chemical recipe for making people—of one race to that of another.

An earlier attempt, unrelated to the NHGRI, to conduct research that would have examined differences along ethnic lines fell apart due to concerns about racism. To avoid the same pitfall, the NHGRI is promoting a discourse among various racial communities, attempting to explain the science, as well as listen to community concerns.

What this exploration offers, scientists say, is a chance to identify genetic diseases predominant within particular racial groups. For example, such a comparison might uncover a disease like sickle cell anemia, a genetic disease that predominantly affects people of African descent.

As genetic science weaves its way through this potentially controversial milieu, gay men and lesbians may wonder how long it will be before their genomes will be compared to those of heterosexuals. And to what end?

Would such a measure provide conclusive evidence that homosexuality is inherited? Could a test be devised to determine whether a fetus carries a "gay gene"?

Scientists split on impact for gays

Some scientists see a connection between studying race and sexual orientation in the human genome. Some do not.

"It's really a whole separate question," said geneticist Dean Hamer. "Scientifically, they're really different issues."

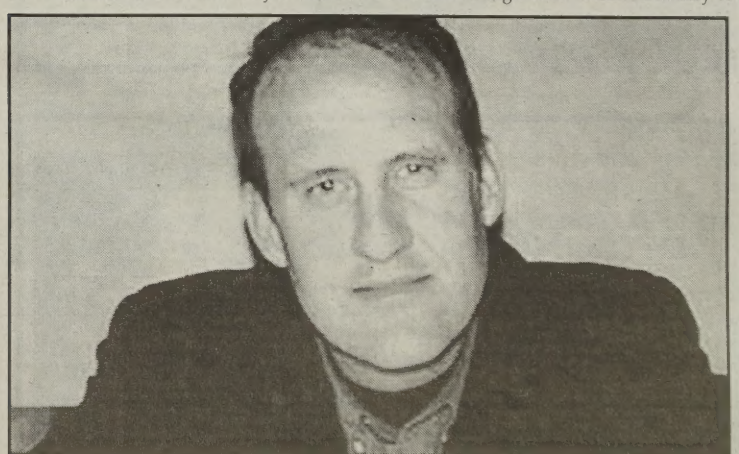
With Peter Copeland, Hamer wrote "Science of Desire: The Search for the Gay Gene and the Science of Behavior." Hamer's work has hinted at a possible link between homosexuality in males and a gene or genes inherited along maternal bloodlines.

Hamer's position is more or less echoed by Michael Bailey, a psychologist at Northwestern University and author of a study that offered a genetic suggestion of homosexuality among identical twin brothers.

"I don't think there is any relation at all," Bailey said. "With race there is dread that there might be genetic difference linked to average behavioral differences among racial groups. ... Sexual orientation is not controversial in the same way."

Simon LeVay, a neurobiologist who compared the brains of gay men to those of heterosexuals in search of a biological difference between the two, took a more theoretical view. "Both race and sexual orientation have aspects that are rooted in biology," LeVay said. "It's basically a similar strategy. You look for differences in two different classes, whether its anglo-black or gay-straight."

While Bailey, Hamer and LeVay are all scientists who have examined biological links to homosexuality, Hamer is arguably the best versed in genetics. He currently serves as chief of the Section on Gene Structure & Regulation in the Laboratory of Biochemistry of the National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health. He has been with the NIH for 24 years.



'Sexual orientation is not controversial in the same way' as race, according to psychologist Michael Bailey, who has studied homosexuality among twin brothers.

Hamer does grant, at least, that both race and sexual orientation are controversial topics for geneticists to explore. Nevertheless he remains loathe to sound any alarms, citing mechanisms already in place to ensure ethical use of the information gleaned by mapping the human genome.

"I think actually the one good thing that has come out of the Genome Project is that by law they're required to spend a part of their budget to spend time looking at ethical considerations," said Hamer. "There is a lot of ethical thought, a lot of consideration. There is a lot more consideration given to genetic ethical questions even though we're at a stage where none of this can be done."

Hamer pointed to the sensational debate about cloning humans, despite strong resistance in Congress to allow such science to be attempted in the United States. Nevertheless, an Italian doctor announced Aug. 7 that he will attempt to clone humans, and the San Francisco-based Gay & Lesbian Medical Association has already passed a resolution recommending a legal right to privacy that includes an individual's genetic information.

Hamer said people looking for scientific, ethical concerns could turn their sights on situations that already exist.

"We should have much more consideration of biomedical science where there are already practical consequences," Hamer posited, offering inequities in access to HIV/AIDS pharmaceuticals as an example. "Why are we letting 27 million people die because they can't get medicine?"

Bailey, who holds a doctorate in psychology, is also no slouch in the field of genetics and has published several articles in the journal *Behavior Genetics*. And he sees even less connection than Hamer in terms of race, sexual orientation and the genome.

Bailey guessed that it will be a long time, if ever, before the map of the human genome is used to offer any possible biological links to homosexuality.

"We're very far from that," Bailey said. "Even though my work suggests that there may be a [biological] connection [to homosexuality], we really don't know that, much less what the gene or gene groups would be. ... There has been a candidate gene study and that did not turn out. And Dean Hamer's research current status is controversial. And I don't see anybody rushing to fund a replication of Dean Hamer's [work]."

Bailey added, "I think it's kind of cool that so many gay people are scientifically interested [in the Genome Project], but I don't think they need to be politically interested."

Of the three, only LeVay, whose background is in neurobiology rather than genetics, appeared to see any relevance to wondering about the theoretical possibilities of what may be in store for gays in light of the steps now being proposed to examine racial differences in the genome.

'Both race and sexual orientation have aspects that are rooted in biology. It's basically a similar strategy. You look for differences in two different classes, whether its anglo-black or gay-straight.'—neurobiologist Simon LeVay

"In either case, there is no black and white," LeVay explained, comparing race to sexual orientation. "There are all shades of race and all shades of sexual orientation. The Genome Project will probably, eventually find these differences. ... It's basically a similar strategy. You look for differences in two different classes, whether its anglo-black or gay-straight. And it's getting easier to look."

LeVay listed the two obvious poles bound to surface when discussing gays and genetics. On one hand, a proven genetic link would validate the argument that homosexuality is, at least to some extent, innate, rather than a "lifestyle" issue involving a moral choice.

"In the case of sexual orientation, people—particularly homophobic people—tend to deny that it's a case of biology at all," LeVay said. "The Christian Right is opposed to people like me who stress a biological element. They feel it undercuts their privilege of hating gay people."

If studying the genome uncovers a "gay gene," that knowledge might foster greater validation of gay people. The other extreme, as explored in Jonathan Tolins's play, "The Twilight of the Golds," is that such knowledge could be used to screen out gay individuals or fetuses.

"It's a legitimate fear; it's something people should discuss," said LeVay, adding that he would not be in favor of banning such a test, nor would he be in favor of any legislation that would ban abortions in cases where a tests on a fetus indicated the likelihood of homosexuality.

"A basic tenet of feminist ethics is that mothers should have the decision," LeVay said. "I myself would say you should not ban these tests. It's so important to create the kind of world where people won't want to do that, where there will be a sense that gay children will be a blessing and not something to be afraid of. It's a bit of a neck-and-neck race."

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HIV prevention confab hits Atlanta

Prevention-only conference will address outreach efforts to gay men, including African Americans and youth

by ERIC ERICKSON

ATLANTA—Next week, Atlanta will play host to the only HIV and AIDS conference dedicated exclusively to prevention efforts. More than 2,000 AIDS educators, researchers and doctors will attend the prevention conference, set for Aug. 12-15.

"This meeting is so important because it really provides an opportunity for all the individuals involved in the prevention field to come together and learn from one another," said Dr. Ronald Valdiserri, deputy director of the National Center for HIV, STD & TB Prevention at the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention.

The CDC is one of 20 sponsors of the four-day conference, which takes place every other year, opposite the International HIV/AIDS Meeting. While many conferences address several issues surrounding the AIDS and HIV epidemic, next week's conference specifically addresses prevention efforts by government agencies and AIDS service organizations.

"The importance for us is that we learn what the best practices are," said Bob Ford, volunteer services manager with AID Atlanta, one of Atlanta's largest AIDS groups. "We can get better ideas to change our programs and enhance the programs that we presently have. We are able to build community with people here in Atlanta as well as across the country."

While the majority of conference participants will be from the U.S., there will be international representation as well, allowing AIDS educators to learn about prevention methods being used in other countries.

This information can be extremely useful to AIDS education organizations trying to reach out to several different demographic groups, experts said. Earlier this year, the CDC reported increases in the number of new AIDS cases among young, black gay men. Since then, many AIDS organizations have strived to better educate men who have sex with other men living in urban areas.

"How do we take a program that has worked for gay white men and effectively design it to work for women of Hispanic origin?" Ford said.

One way the conference will help inform AIDS educators on how to spread prevention messages is through presentations by other AIDS educators themselves. Anthony McWilliams, the prevention programs manager for AID Atlanta, will make a presentation about a program he conducts concerning homophobia in the black community.

"It really gives an opportunity to bring together gay and bisexual men with heterosexuals to talk about homophobia... and the different sexualities to address how these issues actually relate to the transmission of HIV, especially in the African-American community," said McWilliams.

While prevention has always been foremost in the fight against AIDS, Ford said the way the message of prevention is taught has changed since the first AIDS cases were diagnosed 20 years ago.

The CDC's Dr. Ronald Valdiserri chairs the conference planning committee for the 2001 National HIV Prevention Conference, opening in Atlanta next week.

"[But] in the early '80s, the initial campaigns were very sex-negative. Today, campaigns are much more sex-positive, offering people as many choices as possible, trying to get people to make changes that are healthy and viable and reduce the risk of HIV transmission," Ford said.

For McWilliams and Ford, the conference will not only allow them to talk to other AIDS educators from around the country about prevention methods, but also about political issues specific to the fight against AIDS.

"There are regional political issues," said Ford. "What's accepted here in the South may or may not be accepted in the North or Midwest. So we're able to look at the different regional issues that exist as well."

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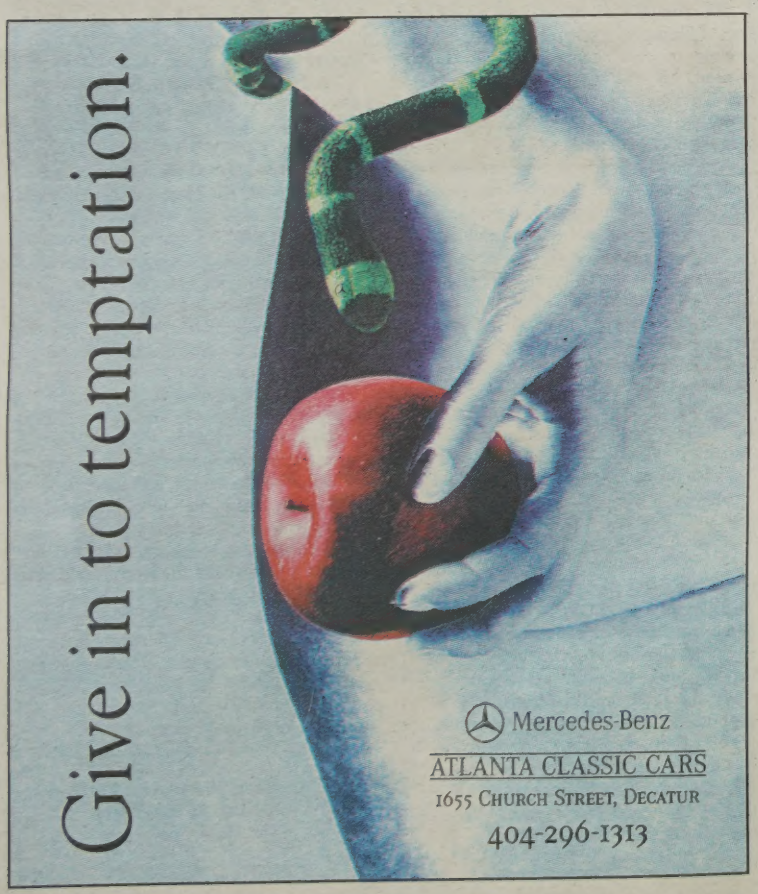

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MA Scout council allows gay leaders under new policy

BOSTON (AP)—One of Massachusetts's largest Boy Scout councils will allow gay Scout masters under a new "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, despite the national organization's ban against gays. "Discussions about sexual orientation do not have a place in Scouts," said Brock Bigsby, Scout executive for the Massachusetts Minuteman Council. "The Scouts will not inquire into a person's sexual history, and that person will not expose their sexual orientation one way or the other." The Minuteman Council, an umbrella organization of 330 Scout troops and 18,000 Boy Scouts in Greater Boston, approved the bylaw July 19. The policy also prohibits the exclusion of anyone on the basis of race or religion. Last June, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the Boy Scouts of America may exclude gays from serving as troop leaders. Eric Ferrero, a spokesperson for the ACLU's Lesbian & Gay Rights Project, said the Boston Council may be the first in the country to draft an anti-discrimination policy within the framework of the Scout's national bylaws.

Reform Party adopts hard-right agenda, anti-gay stances

ASHEVILLE, N.C.—The Reform Party held its annual convention late last month and adopted a hard-right agenda including anti-gay planks, the *New York Times* reported. The party, which has completely dumped founder Ross Perot in favor of anti-gay conservative Pat Buchanan, gave a hard conservative push to just about every hot-button social issue—abortion, gun control, immigration, cultural identity, marriage, sexual orientation, hate crimes and affirmative action. Some 187 delegates were present from 37 states, according to the *Times*. "We grew up in the greatest country on earth, so why do we put up with this mess?" Buchanan, the party's presidential candidate in the 2000 election, said in a brief appearance. The *Times* reported that Buchanan doesn't stay in touch with the party and that he stated he would not run for president again.

Pat Buchanan, the Reform Party's presidential candidate in 2000, spoke briefly at the party's recent convention in Asheville, highlighting a hard-right, anti-gay turn for the group.

PA court upholds dismissal of anti-gay harassment suit

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A federal appeals court has affirmed that gay workers cannot sue under federal sex discrimination laws for alleged harassment because of their sexual orientation. The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a lower court ruling throwing out John J. Bibby's lawsuit filed in 1998 against the Philadelphia Coca-Cola Bottling Co. "Harassment on the basis of sexual orientation has no place in our society. Congress has not yet seen fit, however, to provide protection against such harassment," U.S. Circuit Judge Maryanne Trump Barry wrote for an unanimous three-judge panel. Bibby, 41, a lab technician at the North Philadelphia plant, said he began having medical problems in 1993, including weight loss, breathing problems and vomiting blood. Suspended after he was found Aug. 12, 1993, with his eyes closed and a machine for which he was responsible malfunctioning with the product destroyed, Bibby was told he would be terminated. He was reinstated after he filed a grievance. Bibby said he was assaulted the day he returned to work two days before Christmas, and harassment on the basis of his sexual orientation continued the following month by co-workers and managers.

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NJ court allows lesbian to hyphenate last name

TRENTON, N.J. (AP)—A lesbian who wanted to hyphenate her last name to include that of her longtime partner will be able to do so under a ruling by a state appeals court. A lower court judge had ruled that a name change would create the false impression that Jill Bacharach and her partner were married. The Aug. 2 ruling ordered that same judge to sign the paper that will change the woman's surname to Bacharach-Bordman. Name change applications are commonly rejected if attorneys prove a person is seeking to avoid prosecution or debt, or to perpetuate a fraud. "I wasn't in any of those categories," said Bacharach, 33. "Even more so, I felt like my rights were completely violated." Those who filed briefs opposing recognition of the name change said it would provide a "form of legitimacy" to same-sex relationships that was contrary to the state's policy. Judge Donald G. Collester disagreed. "The legitimacy of such relationships is well-established," he wrote, citing the state's law against discrimination and court decisions giving parental rights to same-sex partners.

CA court orders Catholic Charities to obey state law

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—A Roman Catholic group that provides services to the poor in California must include coverage for prescription contraceptives in its employee health insurance plan, despite its belief that the use of contraceptives violates Catholic doctrine, according to a July 26 ruling by a California appeals court. The court held that a state law requiring all California employers to provide prescription coverage for contraceptives in their health benefit plans is "neutral" in its application to all groups and does not violate Catholic Charities of Sacramento's First Amendment rights pertaining to religious freedom. Michael Adams, an attorney with the Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund, a gay litigation group, said the ruling could be helpful to gay-related cases because it upheld the state's authority to require a religious organization performing non-sectarian services to the public to comply with state law.

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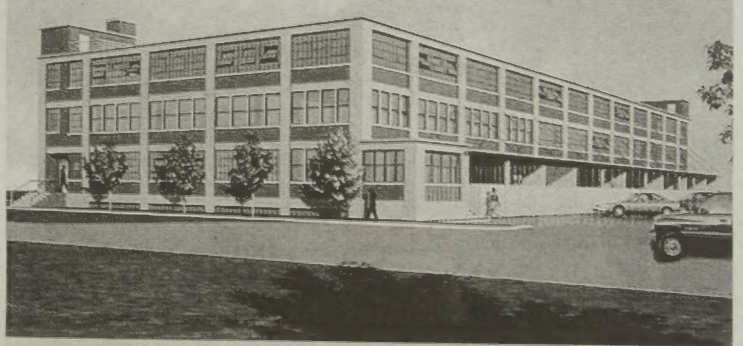
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World protests arrests of Egyptian gays

Atlanta among 11 cities worldwide observing an Aug. 15 'day of solidarity and mourning'

by WILL O'BRYAN

WASHINGTON—The mid-May arrests at an Egyptian gay venue of more than 50 men charged with "immoral behavior" have spurred protests around the world as the defendants approach their day in court.

In mid-May, Egyptian authorities arrested 55 men attending a party at a gay venue. Of those, 52 are still in custody and await trial on Aug. 15 under charges of "immoral behavior" due to perceived sexual orientation, punishable by up to three years in jail.

An unprecedented worldwide coalition of those who oppose persecution based on sexual orientation will mark the start of the trial with demonstrations and other actions.

"It is historic in that sense," said Faisal Alam, the Washington, D.C.-based founder and director of Al-Fatiha, the gay Muslim group that initially declared Aug. 15 an "international day of solidarity and mourning" for the sake of the arrested Egyptian men.

"This is the first time that we're really confronting a government," said Alam. While government-sanctioned hostility against gays is not new, this sort of organized worldwide protest for the sake of gays is.

"It's scary, but it's a very principled stance. ... Some are calling [the arrests] the Arab Stonewall. It may not be the Arab Stonewall, but it may be the impetus that leads to an Arab Stonewall," Alam said.

Traditionally, international pressure against governments that persecute gays has been limited. Days of impunity, however, may be waning.

Evidence of the weight of the matter came in a letter openly gay Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) penned, which was co-sponsored by Rep. Tom Lantos (D-Conn.) The Aug. 3 letter was addressed to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

"[W]e write to express our very strong disapproval over the arrest of 52 men in Egypt of the basis of their perceived sexual orientation," the letter reads, also making note of U.S. aid to Egypt and that a portion is supplied by gay taxpayers.

For fiscal year 2002, the U.S. is slated to give Egypt $1.96 billion in aid. That amount is second only to the $2.7 billion earmarked for Israel.

"We believe the decision of the Egyptian government to prosecute these men who have been accused of engaging in consensual sexual activity with adult persons of the same sex, and in a state security court under Egypt's emergency laws is indefensible," the letter said.

Widespread protests of Egypt's arrests of gay men could be 'the impetus that leads to an Arab Stonewall,' said Faisal Alam, founder of Al-Fatiha, the gay Muslim group calling for the protests.

At press time Wednesday, 35 representatives—32 Democrats, two Republicans and one Independent—had signed the Frank-Lantos letter to Mubarek. They include Georgia Reps. Cynthia McKinney and John Lewis, both Democrats from Atlanta. The Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt did not answer requests as to whether Mubarek had responded to the congressional letter.

The scope of the planned Aug. 15 actions is underscored by the number of high-profile organizations that have endorsed them. By Wednesday, 60 groups representing more than 15 countries on five continents endorsed the day of solidarity and mourning.

Protests or actions of some sort are scheduled to take place in Atlanta, Berlin, Canberra (Australia), Geneva, Kampala (Uganda), London, New York, Paris, San Francisco, Vancouver and Washington.

Among the groups that have endorsed the event are the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, the Human Rights Campaign, the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force, Amnesty International, the National Black Lesbian & Gay Leadership Forum, and Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays. Atlanta-based YouthPride also has endorsed the event.

Al-Fatiha's call to action asks that those who oppose persecution based on sexual orientation call, fax or e-mail the Egyptian mission covering his or her area to protest the arrests and demand the detainees immediate release.

Traditionally, gay activism in the United States has rarely focused on actions away from home, said Alam.

"Being gay in America, you might have had to deal with being fired from Wal-Mart, but imagine if your government came to your door and arrested and tortured you," he said.

In the South, Amnesty International USA's Southern Regional Office is asking for those opposing Egypt's actions to call the Consulate General of Egypt in Houston, Texas, on Aug. 15 to protest the arrests and ask for the detainees' immediate release.

The same day, the regional office in Atlanta will also hold a meeting open to the public to discuss the situation of gay Arabs and Muslims.

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Same-sex unions overwhelm German registry offices

BERLIN—With the new German law for same-sex civil ceremonies taking effect Aug. 1, some registry offices are putting heterosexual marriages on hold in order to keep up with an overwhelming demand from gay couples, according to the online news service Ananova. In Charolottenburg, a district of Berlin, for example, the registry office has been receiving calls from about 40 couples per day seeking to take advantage of the new law. In Berlin's Mitte District, the registry office saw 200 same-sex couples last week. "We are preparing ourselves for an onslaught," Sylvia Brenke, a registry office director, told the daily newspaper *Tagesspiegel*, according to Ananova. "Heterosexual couples will not be married. We are devoting all our energies to the new target group." Berlin's recently elected openly gay mayor, Klaus Wowereit, sent congratulations to couples marking their unions under the new law. "It doesn't fulfill everyone's wishes and dreams, but it's a great step forward," Wowereit said, according to the Associated Press. "It should cause something to be recognized as normal everywhere in Germany that was never abnormal."

Openly gay Berlin Mayor Klaus Wowereit has congratulated same-sex couples as they seek unions. The large numbers of gay couples registering is overwhelming government offices.

Most Swedes still favor adoption ban for gay couples

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP)—Public opinion is largely against letting gay couples adopt children, according to a poll published last week, although Sweden was one of the first to grant rights to same-sex couples. Fifty-three percent of 1,000 people surveyed by telephone thought that gay couples should not be allowed to adopt children, 32 percent were in favor and 15 percent had no opinion, according to the Gallup Institute. The poll, which was conducted July 30 for the *Expressen* newspaper and the TV4 news channel, had a margin of error of three percentage points. It was published the same week that Stockholm was holding its annual Gay Pride festival. It also showed that men were more negative toward same-sex adoptions than women—59 percent and 47 percent respectively—and that young people were more positive about the issue than were older people. Sweden, with a population of nine million, was hailed as a leader in gay rights in 1995 when it began allowing gay couples to join in civil ceremonies, subject to many of the benefits and obligations of marriage, but unable to adopt children.

Ugandan cleric calls for renewed attacks on gays

MBALE, Uganda—Rev. Simon Peter Emiau, leader of the Pentecostal Assemblies of God denomination in Uganda, publicly criticized the government for toning down its rhetoric against gays, according to Uganda's *Monitor*. "Government fears to talk against homosexuality, but we in the church are not going to keep quiet. Pastors in Kampala have agreed to launch a serious crusade against it," Emiau said. In 1999, President Yoweri Museveni announced during a reproductive health conference that gays in Uganda were to be arrested. "I have told the Criminal Investigators Department of Police to look for homosexuals, lock them up and charge them in court," Museveni told conference attendees.

Korean gays launch fight to exist in virtual world

SEOUL, Korea—Local human rights groups have launched a campaign to ensure gays' place on the Internet, the *Korea Herald* reported. The coalition, adopting the moniker "Joint Action Against Discrimination of Gays & Lesbians," is challenging the nation's Information Communication Ethics Committee. That body recently rated homosexuality as "immoral," calling for gay-related content to be removed from the Web. While fighting the ICEC's rating, the coalition said it will also lobby to make the body less conservative. "The ICEC is shutting off gays and lesbians from society because they supposedly threaten to corrupt society," Bae Hong-hyun of the Lesbian & Gay Human Rights Federation told the *Herald*. "People shouldn't be discriminated against because of their sexual orientation. It goes against basic human rights," he said.

Trans inmate alleges gang rape in Australian prison

MELBOURNE, Australia—A male-to-female transgendered prisoner, held with male prisoners despite a court request that she be held apart from males, was allegedly gang raped by three fellow inmates, Melbourne's daily *The Age* newspaper reported. The 27-year-old transgendered woman is facing 11 armed robbery charges and has asked to be released on bail. A magistrate of the Melbourne Magistrates' Court told the prisoner she is understandably terrified to return to prison. After her arrest June 29, a magistrate noted in her paperwork that she was to be kept apart from male prisoners. But the prisoner was placed in Port Phillip Prison's "special needs unit," which generally houses prisoners who are disabled, sex offenders or HIV-positive.

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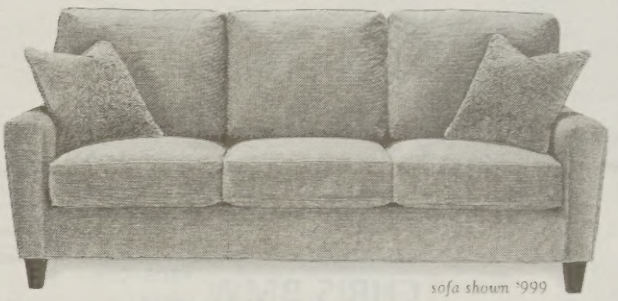

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Suspect in three VT killings mum on motive

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, Vt. (AP)—A cross-dressing, possibly HIV-positive man, accused of killing three men during a crime spree, has remained cryptic about his motive. Authorities have not said what sparked the alleged killing spree, but acquaintances of Gary Sampson said he may have believed he was dying of AIDS. Ricki Carter, a transvestite and Sampson's former lover in North Carolina, said he believes he contracted HIV from Sampson. Sampson is wanted in North Carolina for bank robbery and had been arrested there for assault and burglary, according to Davidson County Sheriff Gerald Hege. Sampson used elaborate makeup techniques to alter his appearance for bank jobs, Hege said. "He lives with cross-dressers and transvestites. He learned how to change his appearance," Hege said. Sampson used women's names as aliases when he was charged with violating probation in New Jersey two years ago, according to court records.

Detroit police criticized for response to gay park sting

DETROIT—Gay men and lesbians and the Detroit City Council are pressing the Detroit Police for answers regarding accusations that the force was illegally entrapping gay men at a city park, the *Detroit Free Press* reported. Police told the Council Aug. 2 that the park arrests have stopped, but offered little beyond that. Arrest reports show that men were arrested under an "annoying person" ordinance, for actions such as sitting in a car talking to another man, blowing kisses to an undercover policeman or giving an officer a phone number. The police also impounded the cars of arrested men, charging $900 to recoup the autos. In addition to the complaints from activists, the arrests have also sparked lawsuits. "[The police] further obscured the questions today, they didn't answer any of the questions that they have had a month to come up with answers for, and I found it very, very unsatisfying and frustrating," Jeffrey Montgomery, executive director of the advocacy group Triangle Foundation, told the *Free Press* after the Council meeting. The City Council will revisit the issue next month.

Jeffrey Montgomery, executive director of Triangle Foundation, said he found the Detroit Police Department's response to complaints about entrapping gays 'very unsatisfying and frustrating.'

OK sets date for execution in anti-gay murder

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—The Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals has set an Aug. 30 execution date for Mexican national Gerardo Valdez, whose request for clemency was denied by Gov. Frank Keating. Valdez, 41, had been initially scheduled to die by lethal injection in June for the 1989 murder of Juan Trinidad Barron, 26. Valdez claimed he was propositioned sexually by Barron. Mexican officials, including President Vicente Fox, said Valdez's rights were denied when he was not given access to the Mexican consulate following his arrest, contrary to provisions of the 1963 Vienna Convention on Consular Relations. Keating conceded the Mexican national's rights were violated under international law, but said that did not affect the trial's outcome or Valdez's death sentence. Valdez met Barron at a bar where Barron reportedly made a sexual advance, court records show. Valdez took Barron to his home, forced him to strip, then preached to him that the Bible condemned homosexuality. Valdez then shot Barron twice in the head, beat him and cut his throat. Valdez then burned Barron's corpse in a barbecue pit.

Plea bargain dissolves in CA gay beating case

VISTA, Calif.—A plea bargain offered to four people accused of beating a man because they believed he was gay has fallen through, according to the *North County Times*. One of the accused attackers scuttled the deal by refusing to accept it based on his claim that the victim hit him with a baseball bat. Under the proposed deal, the prosecutor would have dropped hate crime charges. In light of the collapse of the plea agreement, coupled with an admission from the prosecution's key witness that he lied during a preliminary hearing, the case has been postponed till December.

NY man convicted of HIV infections denied parole

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)—Nushawn Williams, a drug-peddling seducer who authorities say infected at least 13 women through unprotected sex even though he knew he was carrying the virus that causes AIDS, was denied parole Aug. 2. Williams won't be eligible for another parole hearing for two years. He is serving a 4-to-12-year sentence for second-degree rape, reckless endangerment and criminal sale of a controlled substance. Williams, also known as Shyteek Johnson, acknowledged having unprotected sex with women in New York City and around the western New York city of Jamestown despite knowing he is HIV-positive. Health officials said he exposed 48 women and teen girls to HIV; 13 have since tested positive. Revelations that Williams was HIV-positive prompted health officials to take the unusual step of breaking confidentiality protections to notify the public of the possible health threat he posed. The case also prompted a 1998 change in New York state law making HIV cases reportable to state health authorities just like other sexually transmitted diseases.

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Senator to drop anti-gay clause in faith-based bill

White House gives conflicting signals on measure that could exempt faith-based charities from some civil rights laws

by LOU CHIBBARO JR.

WASHINGTON—A Republican senator who is sponsoring President Bush's faith-based initiatives bill said he will drop language adopted by the House of Representatives last month that would allow federally funded religious charities to refuse to hire gay workers.

Sen. Rick Santorum (R-Pa.), in a briefing with reporters Aug. 1, said the controversial language adopted by the House threatens to kill the faith-based initiatives measure in the Senate. "He wants to remove that issue and move on with the bill," said Robert Traynham, Santorum's press spokesperson.

The language to which Santorum was referring would exempt religious charities that provide federally funded services to the poor—such as soup kitchens, AIDS treatment facilities and drug addiction rehabilitation programs—from having to comply with state and local civil rights laws, including gay civil rights laws.

The House defeated a Democrat-sponsored motion two weeks ago that sought to remove the anti-gay language along with separate language allowing federally funded religious charities to refuse to hire workers who are not members of their own religion.

All but four Republicans voted against the motion, while nearly all Democrats voted for it. A group of moderate GOP House members, who initially planned to vote for the motion, said they changed their minds on the issue after the White House and House Republican leaders assured them they would address the issue of anti-gay bias during a House-Senate conference committee.

Among the House members voting against the motion was openly gay Rep. Jim Kolbe (R-Ariz.). Kolbe, a long-time supporter of gay civil rights, said he supports the underlying faith-based bill and voted against the motion to delete the anti-gay language only after being assured that the language would be removed during a conference committee later this year.

Kolbe and other moderate House Republicans also said they opposed the Democrat-sponsored motion because of the religion provision, saying they believe religious charities should be allowed to limit their workforce to employees who are members of their religion.

Santorum's remarks came at a time when Senate Democrats have said they would not allow a faith-based bill to pass unless the anti-gay language is removed. Democrats won control of the Senate earlier this year, putting them in charge of the Senate's legislative agenda.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.), a long-time advocate for allowing religious charities to perform government-funded social services programs, has said he plans to introduce his own version of a faith-based initiatives bill that will not include language pre-empting local and state civil rights laws.

Traynham and Dan Gerstein, a spokesperson for Lieberman, said the two senators urged President Bush to agree to support efforts to remove the anti-gay language from the House version of the bill during a July 26 meeting with Bush at the White House.

Gerstein said Lieberman told him the president expressed an "openness" to "fix" the language in question but did not make a specific commitment on the issue.

The White House released a statement on Aug. 2 saying Bush is "pleased that Senator Santorum and Senator Lieberman share his commitment to helping Americans in need" and that the Bush administration "looks forward to further discussions" on the Santorum proposal.

Rep. Mark Foley (R-Fla.), one of the four GOP moderates who voted for a motion in the House to delete the anti-gay language, praised Santorum for "leading his colleagues in the right direction."

Sen. Rick Santorum (R-Pa.) told reporters last week that the faith-based initiative could be killed in the Senate over language that opponents view as anti-gay, so he will work to remove the measure to pass the bill.

Rich Tafel, executive director of the national gay group Log Cabin Republicans, praised Santorum for joining what Tafel called a "broad public agreement" between the White House, House Republican leaders and a contingent of moderate House Republicans "to settle the questions over civil rights issues by working together."

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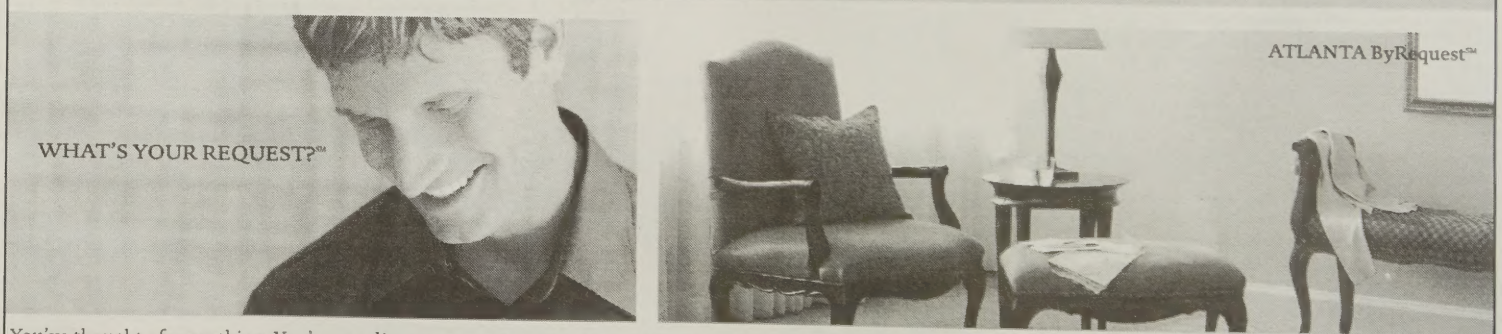

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Banks' non-discrimination policies include gays

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strongly that the domestic partner benefit was important in respect to that value."

Although shareholders from both companies have approved the merger, it will be two to three weeks before it is finalized.

Atlanta-based SunTrust contested the merger, hoping that Wachovia would choose to join forces with it instead of First Union. Due to SunTrust's challenge, the final vote count of Wachovia shareholder ballots must be certified by independent election inspectors.

Gays targeted Wachovia

Even before the proposed merger made headlines, gay activists had set their sites on Wachovia, pressuring the company to add DP benefits for its employees. Last year, Georgia Equality, a statewide gay nonpartisan group, targeted Wachovia as one of nine companies with a large presence in Georgia that did not offer such benefits.

Georgia Equality temporarily quelled discussions with Wachovia when talk of the merger surfaced, hoping Wachovia would adopt First Union's policies.

"I've frankly been hedging my bets and not planning for it to happen, but hopeful it would happen," said Harry Knox, executive director of Georgia Equality, before the new benefits plan was announced. "There have been rumors and informal assurances to some Wachovia employees at the bank manager level and up that they would get the benefits. But that's all it is, just verbal assurances."

Prior to Wachovia's announcement on Wednesday, Knox said he wasn't counting on the benefit transfer, but he—like many other national and state activists—said it would be surprising if the DP benefits from First Union did not transfer over to the new company.

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First Union Chairman and CEO Ken Thompson (right) congratulates Wachovia Chairman and CEO L.M. Baker Jr. (left) following last Friday's Wachovia shareholder meeting in Winston-Salem, N.C. Wachovia announced that based on preliminary review of proxy votes, shareholders approved the merger of Wachovia and First Union.

Kim Mills, education director for the Washington-based Human Rights Campaign, said she talked with representatives from First Union about the impending merger and the possible transfer of DP benefits, and she expected the DP benefits to survive the merger.

Banking industry growing more gay-friendly?

Aside from DP benefits, both Wachovia and First Union include sexual orientation in non-discrimination policies, following current trends in the banking industry. Mills said it has taken years of lobbying, but many banking corporations are implementing gay-friendly policies.

"Banking has moved somewhat slowly compared to other industries," Mills said. "There is kind of a pattern that we've discovered where one company is an industry has to be the one to go first. Everyone's sitting there waiting to be second, because they're afraid there's going to be public reaction they don't want."

Tony Plath, an associate professor of finance at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, agreed with Mills' assessment. In addition to teaching banking at the university, Plath is an industry expert with 20 years experience as a banker.

"If you looked at the industry when I joined, we never talked about sexual orientation," Plath said. "If anything, men managed and women were clerical workers. It's really changed with the rest of society over the course of the last ten years."

Plath said large banks were quickest to embrace gay-friendly policies when they hit labor shortages and needed strong benefits packages to attract skilled workers.

"Gays and lesbians tend to make good employees," said Plath. "So the basic idea is banks are always looking for good service side people and people who are good at working with the public and who are good at being sensitive to other people's needs.

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Many banks contribute to AIDS or gay causes

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"To make an employee-friendly environment that's inclusive rather than exclusive... benefits everybody," he added.

Charlotte-based Bank of America was one of the first banking institutions to embrace gay-friendly employment policies. Along with instituting domestic partner benefits in 1984, in the early 1980s the company developed one of the first corporate policies for people with AIDS, said Mary Welch, the bank's vice president of public relations.

Today, Bank of America also includes sexual orientation in its non-discrimination policy and has a formal e-mail letter that is distributed to gay employees throughout the company.

"We also had a 1-800 hotline for two hours where senior gay employees were on a panel and you could call in and talk about [gay issues]," Welch said. "It was just incredible, the number of calls coming in where people were able to have open discussions."

Bank of America also creates a strong presence at Gay Pride celebrations. During this June's Atlanta Pride in Piedmont Park, the company brought in mobile ATMs from which Pride visitors withdrew $90,000.

"That was $90,000 that went into the merchants' hands that made Pride a more successful event," said Eva Morgan, a Bank of America marketing executive. "I think that's healthy that we helped to increase the flow of cash by $90,000 in the park for Pride."

Bank of America has also donated more than $15,000 to Georgia Equality, Knox said.

A *Southern Voice* survey of major banks in the Southeast found many that give money to gay-related causes, especially AIDS organizations.

Randolph, the First Union spokesperson, said the bank has donated money to both AIDS and gay-related causes. Wachovia's track record with corporate donations may not be as solid in the gay arena, as Scanlon said Wachovia does not donate to individual or political causes.

New Orleans-based Hibernia National Bank is much smaller than Wachovia or Bank of America and does not offer DP benefits. But in a trickle-down effect, trends in the industry may eventually influence smaller banks to adopt gay-friendly policies and benefits, experts said.

Jim Lestelle, Hibernia's VP of corporate public relations, said the company regularly surveys employees to find out what benefits are needed, and Hibernia is currently studying DP benefits.

Lestelle said Hibernia has given money to AIDS-related causes, but not gay related cause, which he said is more a matter of donation requirements than policy. Like many banks, Hibernia donates only to non-profit organizations with federal non-profit status.

New Orleans' gay men's chorus requested a donation, but did not fit that non-profit category, so Hibernia was not able to contribute, Lestelle said.

	BACKGROUND			Sexual non-discrimination policy	DP benefits	Gay employee group	Gives to AIDS causes	Gives to gay causes
	Number of branches	Number of employees	Assets					
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FIRST TENNESSEE PO Box 84 Memphis, TN 38101-9979 901-523-4444 www.firsttennessee.com	550+	9,500	$18.8 billion	No	No	No	Yes	No
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Lobbying with dollars

While potential employees may choose where to work based on benefits packages and nondiscrimination policies, customers are often more likely to choose a bank based on financial needs.

But Knox said there is usually not a great deal of difference for the average consumer between banks, so he urges people to look past economic needs to company policies and benefits as reasons to bank with a particular institution.

"Why not go with those that are doing business in a straightforward way with the gay community?" Knox said. "The other piece of it is, we all benefit if domestic partner benefits become the business standard in our region. We are more likely to get them, our friends are more likely to benefit from them down the road, if we do business with the companies that offer them."

The Human Rights Campaign shares that philosophy of grass-roots activism among banking consumers.

"There is certainly a consciousness in the GLBT community that we're looking to patronize companies that treat us fairly," Mills said.

Plath said he also believes consumer activism can influence the way the way banking institutions structure employment policies.

"When you talk about a gay and lesbian population, number one, they're a good customer group," Plath said. "From what I've read, the demographics among the gay and lesbian population tend to be fairly favorable from a banking standpoint. What you would do is reach out to these groups, essentially through superior service and through the fact that you're rather progressive with your employment policies."

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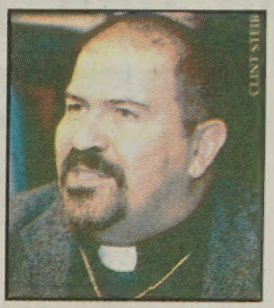
WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—While various pro-gay groups have fought against a faith-based initiatives bill approved July 19 by the U.S. House, the founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, a predominantly gay denomination, recently unveiled a much different strategy. "If a final version of the program is passed by the Congress," said the Rev. Elder Troy D. Perry in a press release, "I will instruct our UFMCC headquarters staff to prepare resources for UFMCC regions and local MCC congregations that wish to seek funding for the many community-based services offered by Metropolitan Community Churches within the U.S." Matt Coles, director of the ACLU's Lesbian & Gay Rights Project in New York City, said Perry's prediction is premature. "He's throwing in the towel too fast. I don't see any enthusiasm for pushing [the bill] along in the Senate at the moment," he said. "We came very close to preventing it from getting passed in its current form in the House." Civil rights activists have said they hope the Senate's version of the measure, which has not been considered, will not include anti-gay language found in the House version.



Rev. Troy Perry, founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, is making plans to apply for funds tied to a proposed faith-based initiative.

Austrian bishop criticized for anti-gay AIDS comments

SALZBURG, Austria—The Salzburg Social Democrats accused Bishop Andreas Laun of being intolerant for reportedly telling the magazine *News* that gays have a much shorter life expectancy because of "hepatitis, AIDS, and other gay diseases." The South African Press Association reported that Laun, the second-highest- ranking bishop in the Salzburg Catholic Church, recently caused alarm in Austria when he said, "homosexuals have a 20- to 30-year lower life expectancy." Salzburg Social Democrats' spokesperson David Brenner said Laun's comments represent "the height of intolerance." "His regular defamation and exclusion of 10 percent of our population has almost racist overtones," he said. "Sexuality is a private matter, and not one of the church, whose sexual morals are stuck in the Middle Ages." Brenner noted that a majority of people with HIV/AIDS are heterosexual.

Mother to address Evangelicals Concerned at CO meet

DENVER—The mother of a 29-year-old lesbian who killed herself in 1997 was scheduled this week to speak in Colorado at the annual meeting of Evangelicals Concerned, a national network of gay evangelical Christians and their allies. The *Denver Post* reported that the mother, Mary Lou Wallner of Elgin, Ill., was reared in a conservative evangelical church. Such churches generally teach that the practice of homosexuality is sinful. Wallner said she initially rejected her daughter's sexual orientation and believes this might have led Anna Wakefield to kill herself. "I refused to even try to understand homosexuality," she said. Wallner has since learned about gays from medical books and other sources, and has vowed to help "save other lives" by encouraging acceptance of gays. The convention, at the University of Denver, is scheduled to end Aug. 12. Founded in 1975, Evangelicals Concerned has chapters in 30 cities and can be reached at www.ecinc.org.

religion report

Gay teens urged to reject reparative therapy

MIDVALE, Utah—Teens grappling with their sexual orientation could benefit more from unconditional love, understanding and acceptance than from "reparative therapy," participants at the National Religious Leadership Roundtable were told during a community forum Aug. 1. The *Salt Lake Tribune* reported that about 100 people attended the roundtable's semi-annual meeting, which took place at St. James Episcopal Church in Midvale. Rev. Lee Shaw said the religious roundtable's organizers chose to hold the gathering in Utah, a predominantly Mormon state, in part because various reparative therapy programs operate there. "All too often in our particular state, issues around sexuality, especially with young people, are hidden," he said. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons) teaches that homosexuality is sinful and grounds for excommunication. While the denomination has given reparative therapy programs its tacit support, the report said Affirmation International, a group for gay Mormons, remains opposed to it. The roundtable represents various gay-affirming religious groups and leaders nationwide.

OK pastor to resign over Presbyterians, gays

BARTLESVILLE, Okla. (AP) —A minister has resigned from the First Presbyterian Church here for the same reasons some believe the denomination could split. Rev. Kent Adrian said this week that he does not agree with the Presbyterian Church's stance on the authority of Scripture, salvation through Jesus Christ alone, and the ordination of gay ministers who are not celibate. "I've been uncomfortable with many of the stances of the Presbyterian Church for quite some time because they're not holding to a meaningful view on the authority of Scripture," he said. Adrian last week notified the Rev. Greg Coulter, general presbyter of the Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery, of his plan to resign.

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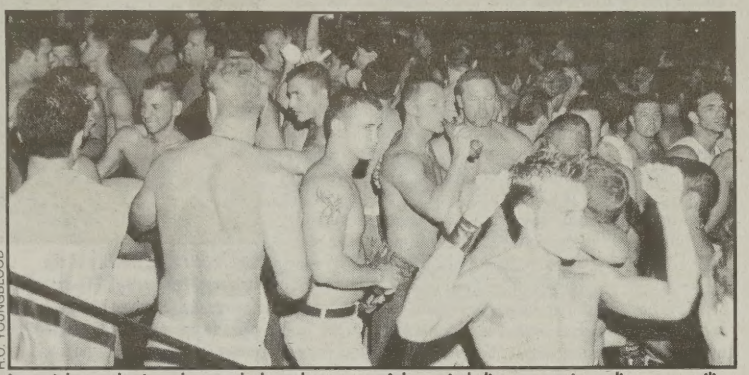
EDITORIAL

Stripping the 'hot' from Hotlanta

by MATTHEW A. HENNIE



R.O. YOUNGBLOOD

Late-night revelry is under attack throughout metro Atlanta, including a new city ordinance curtailing 24-hour dance spots like Backstreet.

They can't resist the lure of the disco lights. The twinkles from the pasties. The latex from the rubber sex toys. The always pouring bartenders.

Oh, how they love the nightlife.

Atlanta's reputation as Sin City of the South is long-standing. The metro area is home to strip clubs—enough for both gays and straights to have their own places to stuff dollar bills—24-hour dance clubs, adult-oriented shops that pitch sex toys, videos and buddy booths, and bartenders that know how to pour a stiff drink, well into the wee hours of the morning.

But there's a new sheriff in town. One that's rounding up plenty of deputies to assault what's made the city's nightlife so hot for so long.

Unfortunately, the scope of the attacks includes businesses that cater to gays.

It just seems that elected officials across metro Atlanta, and even federal prosecutors housed in their downtown fortress, can't resist Atlanta's nightlife. But their effort is quickly cooling the heat of nightlife in Hotlanta.

It's enough that it ought to make Alicia Bridges—the lesbian disco diva made famous by her 1978 smash hit "I Love the Nightlife"—cringe in embarrassment from the city she's called home since the '70s.

Exhibit one in the widespread assault on Atlanta nightlife: the shuttering last week of the well-worn doors of the Gold Club in Midtown. On the surface, the only gay ties to this story are the lurid details from Atlanta Braves slugger Andruw Jones and NBA star Patrick Ewing about being treated to lesbian sexcapades, courtesy of club owner Steve Kaplan.

But look deeper, and this case is endemic of a bigger assault. Federal prosecutors spent 14 weeks in court pursuing Steve Kaplan and a handful of his Gold Club associates. Their zeal in prosecuting Kaplan was matched only by their apparent, though not public, effort to shut down the city's nationally-known symbol of its nightlife.

Their bluster for justice took a surprising twist last week when prosecutors cut a deal with Kaplan to cede control of the club and take $5 million in exchange for some jail time to make the case disappear. And now, with MARTA and the Atlanta City Council expressing interest in the property, the Gold Club is no more.

Justice got swapped in favor of a more Puritan interest in shutting down the Gold Club. The morality police flashed their badges and won, even if it did cost millions. When those cops come knocking, history shows that gays are eventually caught in their web.

But who can blame the Gold Club prosecutors?

They followed the lead of elected politicians in the city of Atlanta, and Fulton and Gwinnett counties, who are more concerned with what people do after dark than nightmare traffic jams and the infrastructure crumbling under their feet. Preoccupied with what adults rent for their VCRs and bothered by bartenders who want to pour drinks for paying customers at 4 a.m.

The most well-known attack comes from the morality police in Atlanta, who take a shotgun approach to a pinpointed problem. Like federal prosecutors, the Atlanta City Council has swapped the noble cause of law and order for a more morality-driven approach in their zeal to keep the city's handful of 24-hour clubs from remaining open around the clock.

High-profile crimes at clubs in Buckhead prompted the city-wide assault on nightlife hours. Elected officials—including the council's only openly gay member, Cathy Woolard—decided to attack all late-night clubs, rather than target more police resources where there were reports of specific problems.

The result? A prolonged court battle that could ultimately mean that gays in metro Atlanta can get a screw at Home Depot at 4 a.m., but wouldn't be able to get a Screwdriver from a shirtless bartender at Backstreet.

The new ordinance, currently stalled by a court order, would stem alcohol sales at 4 a.m. on weekdays, 3 a.m. Saturdays and all day Sundays at the 24-hour clubs. Other City Council members and Woolard, who doesn't view the issue as a gay matter, wanted to turn off the taps at most bars and restaurants even earlier.

Supporters of Backstreet, and at least one openly gay candidate for City Council, say otherwise.

Georgia Equality, the statewide nonpartisan group that helped get Woolard first elected in 1997, agrees with her, arguing that that the issue is not about gays. The group has taken a pass on weighing in on the matter.

In Fulton, despite a defeat in February, officials there are readying for another effort at pulling liquor licenses from the county's strip clubs. In addition to ending alcohol consumption at the clubs, new rules would also curtail lap dances, VIP rooms and set strict standards for lighting.

The clubs defeated an effort in 1997 to curtail alcohol sales.

If the morality police are successful in Fulton, how long will it be before the area's popular gay strip bar, Swinging Richard's, is targeted?

Just up Interstate 85 in Gwinnett, neighborhood activists, led by state Rep. Tom Rice (R-Norcross), have launched an assault on a new branch of Love Shack, an adult video and novelty store that includes a heavy gay customer base. Owner John J. Cornetta opened Love Shack II last month, just hours before the Gwinnett County Commission established new rules for adult-oriented businesses.

Cornetta sued Gwinnett County in federal court and alleged that the county's zoning ordinances were so restrictive to adult establishments that they effectively would eliminate the businesses. U.S. District Court Judge Beverly Martin ruled July 16 in Cornetta's favor, and he immediately applied for a business license for the Love Shack II.

The next day, the county commission voted to modify its adult entertainment measure, allowing locations mainly along heavily traveled business areas in the county. Gwinnett officials plan to appeal the judge's ruling; Cornetta plans to challenge any new ordinance.

Even in Savannah, a debate threatens the city's to-go cup policy, which allows public consumption from paper or plastic cups in much of downtown. Opponents argue the policy feeds crime and public drunkenness; proponents say the city should target problem areas with more cops.

While the debate rages, city police responded with a walking unit that patrols the bar-heavy district. The debate affects dozens of establishments and gays who can spend their evenings walking between two of the city's most popular gay nightspots without having to leave their drinks behind. At least for now.

City leaders should fight crime and target scofflaws with vigor. But in metro Atlanta, and even in Savannah, what's happening instead is an assault on nightlife. It's trading the fight against lawlessness with a morality-driven approach that skirts the real problems. And in the end, when morality police bring out their badges, armed with the backing of city and federal officials, gays always find themselves in the cross hairs.

It's difficult to imagine that the same woman who created "I Love the Nightlife" between her nights of spinning records in one of Atlanta's gay bars still calls the city home. Bridge's signature pronunciation of the word "action!" is being drowned out by the sirens of our new morality police.

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LETTERS

MCC minister cheapens faith of other gays

To the Editor:

I am offended at comments by Rev. Paul Graetz of Atlanta's First Metropolitan Community Church, that gay-friendly mainstream churches offer to their gay congregants only "glass ceilings and second-class spirituality." ("Pastor to start 'neighborhood' gay church," ATL news, July 26).

I expect that kind of smug, I-know-what's-best-for-you superiority from the likes of Jerry Falwell or Pat Robertson, but for it to come from the pastor of a self-described gay church is almost beyond belief.

His remark cheapens—indeed, invalidates—the spiritual journey of every gay man, every lesbian who chooses to worship in any denomination other than his.

Graetz states that mainstream denominations are structurally incapable of providing us with true spiritual fulfillment, and that we gay folk in those denominations are settling for crumbs.

For Graetz's information, I strongly disagree with my denomination's refusal to ordain non-celibate homosexuals. That doesn't mean that my spiritual needs cannot be ministered to, in an inclusive environment, by a straight pastor. We are not being led around, unthinking, by the nose.

MCC performs the invaluable mission of ministering to those who feel that they have no place in other religions; it need not build up that mission by tearing down others.

Gordon Ohlsson
Atlanta

Coors family isn't as friendly as gay ads

To the Editor:

The Web site Vote.com recently posed the question whether gay newspapers should publish the latest gay-friendly ads by Coors Brewing Co.

By the vote totals and the discussion board it is becoming clear that there are many gays who do not know or understand that some gays are boycotting Coors.

Many think that because Coors is aggressively going after the gay market, has domestic partner benefits and a gay member of the Coors family as their liaison to the community, that the family has had a change of heart. This is simply not true.

The Coors family has two foundations: the Adolph Coors Foundation and the Castle Rock Foundation. The latter Castle Rock Foundation in 1999 funded several right-wing groups, including the Free Congress Foundation, the Promise Keepers, the Center for Individual Rights, and the Heritage Foundation.

The Heritage Foundation criticized the Supreme Court's decision striking down of Colorado's anti-gay Amendment 2 and took the Legal Services Corporation to task for "actions [that] advance the goals of homosexual activists."

While many corporations give to both sides of the aisle, the Coors political donations, through its PAC, are heavily slanted to the extreme social conservatives and homophobic Republicans.

Every Coors beer, Killian's Red, or Zima that you purchase goes to help fund enemies of gay rights. Anyone who follows the money trail can see it.

Rob Petitpas
LGBT Committee Chair
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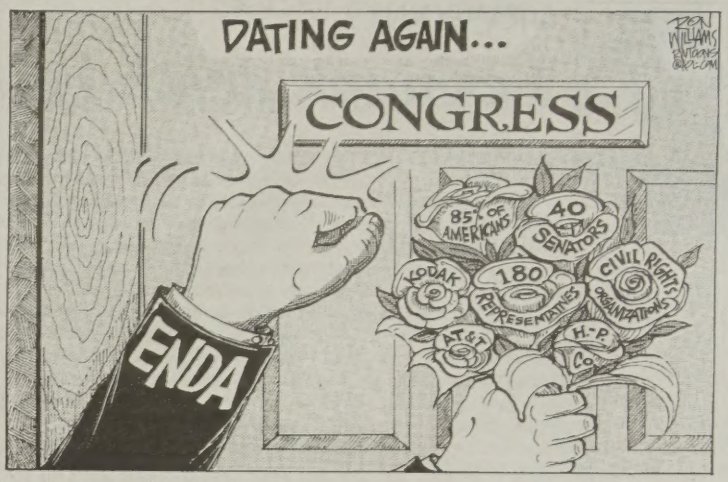


No better alternative to Pallotta AIDS Rides

To the Editor:

Every year around AIDS Ride time, someone takes the opportunity to present their views about the AIDS Ride and Pallotta TeamWorks, which organizes them, as you did in your July 12 edition. ("Are donors being taken for an AIDS Ride?" editorial). I would like to share mine.

I am the executive director of AIDS Network, a small AIDS service organization in Madison, Wis. We are one of only two ASOs in the state and the only one that provides comprehensive services throughout a 13-county area of southern Wisconsin.

We have been the lead agency for the Pallotta contract for the past three years. From the beginning, we knew we were taking a risk. And as you correctly point out, in 1998, the Ride had a dismal return for Wisconsin.

What you neglected to mention was that 1998 was the first year that Wisconsin participated in the AIDS Ride. As with all fund-raisers, we expected it to take some time to become a financially rewarding investment for us.

You also neglected to include reports from Wisconsin since 1998. Immediately after the 1998 AIDS Ride, Pallotta worked with us to find ways to trim costs, including lowering their fee for our Ride.

In 1999, 2000 and 2001, the AIDS Ride has made more money for this agency than any other fund-raiser in our 16-year history.

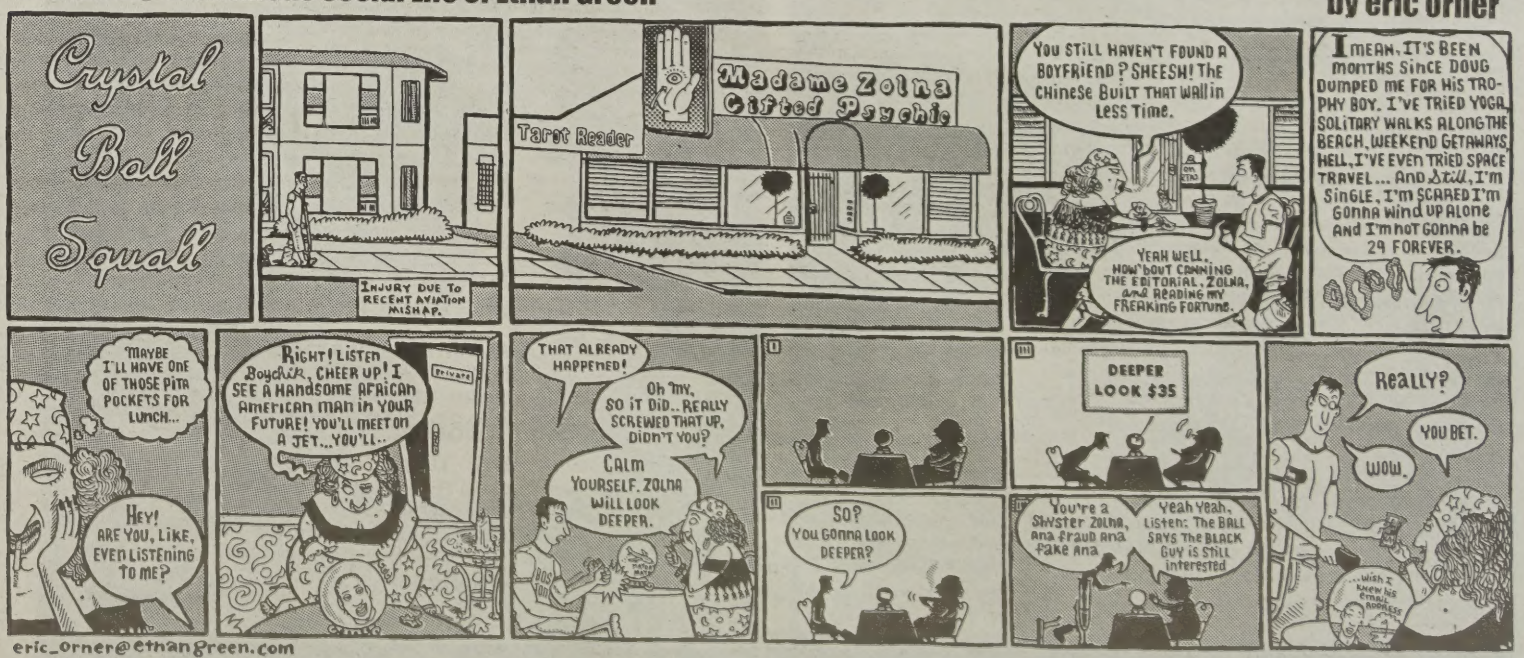
If there is an event out there with less overhead, meets the approval of everyone under the sun and still brings this agency more than $100,000 in unrestricted funds, I haven't found it yet.

While the AIDS Ride does not work in every community, it is working here in Wisconsin. We expect at some point interest in the Ride will decline and we will move on to another event. Until then, we are pleased to be a part of it.

Robert J. Power
Executive Director
AIDS Network
Madison, Wis.

The Mostly Unfabulous Social Life of Ethan Green

by eric orner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VIEWPOINTS

Lesbian's death becomes selling point for dogs

by MUBARAK DAHIR

"Lesbian-killing attack dogs for sale. One dead lesbian offered as proof of family's history of violence and offspring's potential power. Proud descendants sure to carry on the tradition. These dogs of war are cute and cuddly."

OK, so maybe the recent, creepy ad that ran in the classified ads section of the Aug. 4 and 5 issues of the *Los Angeles Times* wasn't quite as brazen as my liberally paraphrased rewrite of it above. But it might as well have been.

There's no doubt in my mind that the owner of descendants of a killer dog that infamously mauled to death a San Francisco lesbian early this year was trying to capitalize on the gruesome incident as a money-maker.

On the afternoon of Jan. 26, Dianne Whipple, a college lacrosse coach, was unlocking the door to her San Francisco apartment. Neighbor Marjorie Knoller appeared in the hallway with two dogs, Bane and Hera.

These were not ordinary dogs. They were Presa Canario dogs, bred specifically as attack dogs. Their combined weight was 230 pounds.

The two dogs ruthlessly attacked Whipple as she found herself trapped just on the wrong side of the safety of her own home. While their owner watched and was either unwilling or unable to stop them, the ferocious animals tore into Whipple's flesh, causing such severe damage that Whipple lost almost all her body's blood right there in the hallway. By the time an ambulance arrived and rushed Whipple to San Francisco General Hospital, it was too late. Several hours later, she died.

The story received national attention, partly because of the gruesome nature of Whipple's untimely death, and partly because of the lack of remorse that seemed to be expressed by the dogs' owners, lawyers Marjorie Knoller and Robert Noel. In television interviews, they even suggested that Whipple was responsible for her own death, that she must have done "something" to provoke the dogs.

In a thinly veiled anti-lesbian dig, Knoller questioned if Whipple was taking steroids, something that she claims would have left enough of a scent to disturb the dogs and initiate the attack. Knoller even had the gall to recount how Whipple allegedly punched the dogs while she was fighting for her life, saying if she hadn't done that the dogs wouldn't have killed her.

Luckily, public opinion swelled against Knoller and Noel and their killer dogs. Currently, the pair are in jail, awaiting trial related to Whipple's death. Knoller is charged with second-degree murder and involuntary manslaughter. Noel is charged with involuntary manslaughter. Both have pleaded not guilty.

Sharon Smith, Dianne's partner, and Penny Whipple, Dianne's mother, have both filed wrongful death suits against Knoller and Noel.

> Worse than using Whipple's death as a selling point for these dogs would be using it as a reason to buy one.

One dog, Bane, has already been put down by the state for the attack on Whipple. The other, Hera, has been ordered euthanized as well, but there is some legal debate about whether or not the dog is needed alive for evidence in the trial.

And just as we thought this drama couldn't get any weirder, any more inhumane and revolting, the boastful ads—which cite the killer dog Bane by name, as a sort of bragging and selling point—appear in the *Los Angeles Times*.

"Dog-O-War Presa Canario Pups!" the ad read. "Bane's daughter bred to imported son of CH. Urco-Big, Bad to the bone, Protective + Stable. Guaranteed."

Fortunately, the *Times* pulled the ad after a complaint from a reader. A newspaper spokesperson has said the paper did not originally make the connection between the ad and the attack on Whipple, or it would never have allowed the ad to run.

The ad was placed by Carolyn Murphy, whose son is incarcerated at Pelican Bay—the prison that is home to the dogs' original owners. Murphy is trying to sell seven dogs at the price of $1,200 each. All the dogs are descendants of Bane, the dog directly responsible for Whipple's death.

Despite Murphy's protests to the contrary, there seems little logical explanation for breeding offspring of Bane, and blatantly advertising it as a selling point, except to make money of off Whipple's tragic death.

The only thing worse than using Whipple's death as a selling point for these dogs would be using it as a reason to buy one.

Before the ads were pulled, they evoked seven inquiries.

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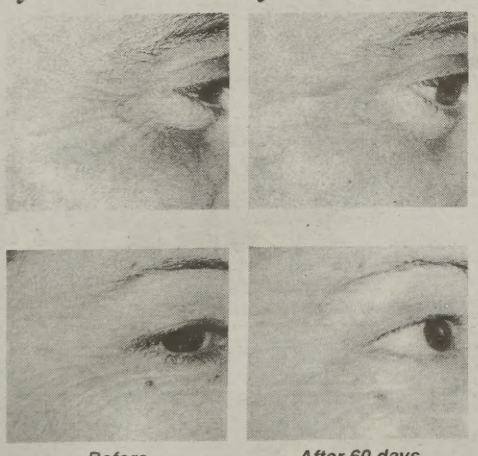

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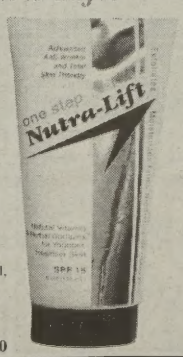

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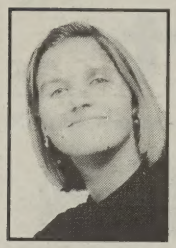

VIEWPOINT

'Gay event money curse' not exclusive to Gay Games

by JENNIFER VANASCO

When a leaked memo about the 2002 Gay Games in Sydney indicated that the event might be cancelled because of mismanagement and a financial shortfall, there were headlines but not much surprise.

And why should we be surprised? We've seen this before.

We shook our heads in 2000 when the controversial Millennium March on Washington hovered on the brink of cancellation. To save it, organizers had to scurry to secure an extra $600,000 in last-minute loans from corporate sponsors and individuals.

We sighed when money from the affiliated Millennium Festival went missing—did an insider stuff $500,000 into his or her pockets before he or she left for the night? Or was attendance not as high as organizers thought?

We groaned when we heard that the 1990 Vancouver games and the 1994 New York games both ended up with deficits, and gasped when the 1998 Amsterdam games turned out to be a financial disaster, requiring the local government to pony up $2 million so that they could continue.

And now Sydney. The gay event money curse strikes again.

Trouble is, the curse seems to strike so frequently that many of us have stopped noticing. Who cares if newspapers fold because they lose ad revenue, if vendors are forced to take loans to keep their businesses afloat, if sports teams are stranded on the other side of the world?

What does it matter if a local government has to bail us out, as long as we get to bask in the Gay Pride glow we get whenever thousands of us converge together? As long as people have a good time, as long as the community is burnished with an extra polishing of fellow feeling, an event is successful, right?

Wrong.

It is shameful that we refuse to take fiscal responsibility for ourselves, especially now that we are a maturing movement. Perhaps in our movement's childhood and adolescence it was forgivable to live the dream and damn the consequences, but 26 years after Stonewall, we need to think a little first.

If we want to throw a party or put on a competition, we need to pay for it ourselves and not expect others to bail us out. They don't owe us money; they don't owe us in-kind donations. The world owes us nothing but rights and respect.

This is important, because the numbers we throw around—$2 million to bail out the Amsterdam games!—represent real money that has an impact on real people. That $2 million could have gone to public transportation, or housing, or health care. Instead, it was paying off businesses that would have suffered had they not gotten their due.

After the Millennium March fiasco, one festival vendor described how he was forced to sell his Jeep to pay salaries. Food vendors, it seems, were collectively owed $300,000.

> It is shameful that we refuse to take fiscal responsibility for ourselves, especially now that we are a maturing movement.

When our special events organizations are not financially responsible, we hurt our supporters—generous individuals, gay and lesbian owned businesses, supportive legislators, friendly corporate sponsors. And when we hurt our supporters, we hurt ourselves.

Why is this happening? Perhaps because our organizations are built on the shoulders of visionaries who dream a world independent of real costs. We depend on people like that; without them, we could never have broken through the brick wall that sealed our closets.

But it is time to silence our inner children who demand extravaganzas and instead cultivate our inner grown-ups, scaling events back to what can be accomplished responsibly. We must hire people who have the experience to manage mammoth, complex events. More, we must take a close look at the events we take for granted and re-evaluate their purpose.

For example, as the world, country by country, is becoming more open to gays and lesbians, we should think about whether we need a Gay Games modeled on the style of the Olympics. Since it is more about brotherhood than about international competition, perhaps we should model it more on the AIDS Ride, requesting that athletes who wish to participate raise their own funds through local support. Or maybe we should have smaller global competitions for sports that are not in the Olympics—like same-sex couple ice skating.

We must ward off the gay event money curse with fiscal responsibility, experienced management and honest evaluation. We need to play fair with our supporters and sponsors and prove to them that it is worth investing in our movement. It's only sporting.

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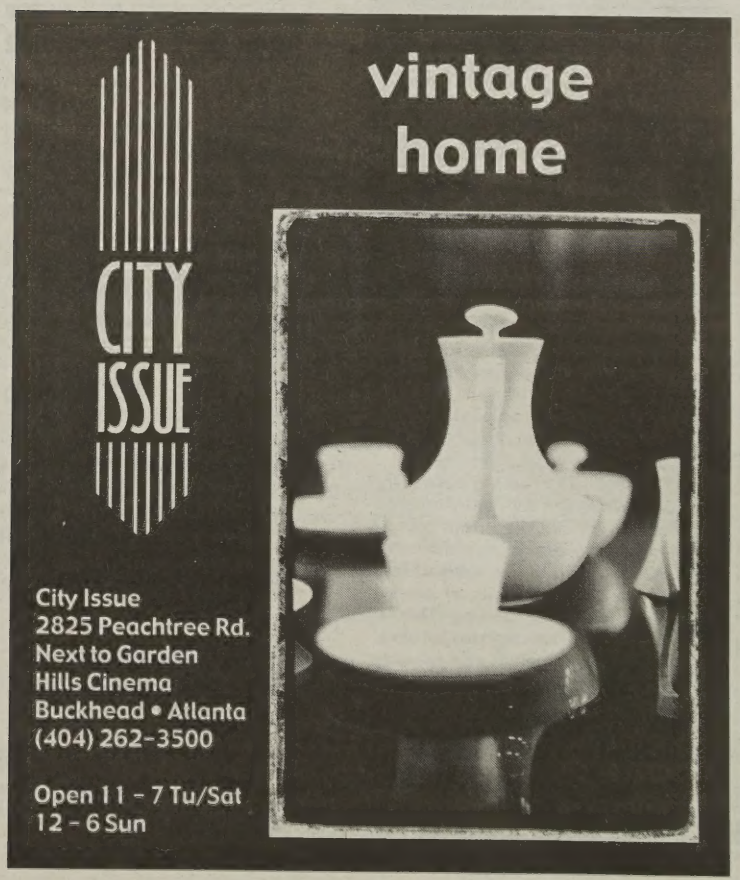

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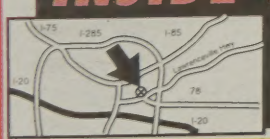

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action! alert

by ANDREW KEEGAN

Disney to acquire network hosting religious '700 Club'

It's a small world after all for televangelist Pat Robertson, with the Walt Disney Co. poised to acquire the Fox Family Channel, which airs Robertson's Christian-oriented talk show, "The 700 Club."

Three years ago, Robertson denounced the city of Orlando and Disney World for welcoming gays to an annual event called "Gay Days." While the Magic Kingdom and the other Orlando theme parks don't sponsor Gay Days, many of the week's events are held on the theme park resort's property.

"I would warn Orlando that you're right in the way of some serious hurricanes and I don't think I'd be waving those flags in God's face if I were you," said Robertson, referring to the city's display of rainbow flags.

While the religious right's war against Disney Enterprises is nothing new, the acquisition of the right-wing Christian program presents an interesting contrast in beliefs.

Disney's trademark promotion of a positive image of life and the idea that good guys always win, without benefit of any particular religious outlook, has always been deemed "acceptable" by religious organizations.

But in 1995, when the company extended health benefits to partners of its gay employees, that all changed.

Robertson referred to Disney as "a family organization that is becoming the family of homosexuality and anti-religious bigotry" in 1997, while hosting "The 700 Club."

When Disney finalizes the deal, reportedly spending $5.3 billion for the FFC, Robertson will find himself in business with the very company he blasted for accepting homosexuality, calling it "the last step in the decline of Gentile civilization."

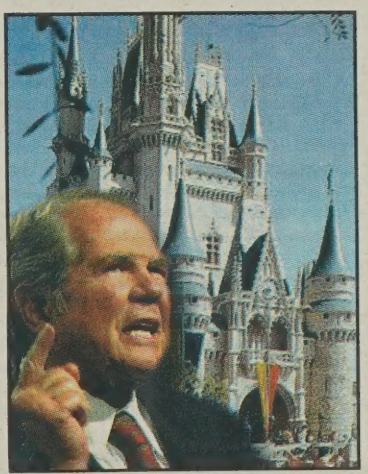
This is not Disney's first brush with acquiring Robertson's network holdings. In 1997, the company made a bid to buy the Family Channel from Robertson with one exception, that "The 700 Club" be excluded from the deal. Robertson refused, and sold the network to Fox, according to the *New York Times*.

Will the spiritual TV host and leader of the Christian Coalition now find himself banished to "Never, Never Land?" Apparently not.

The current proposal has no such amendment and, according to one senior Disney executive, the deal comes with an ironclad commitment to continue carrying "The 700 Club," the *New York Times* reported last week.

Robertson did not return calls for comment but his flagship company, the Christian Broadcast Network, did issue a statement saying it was "optimistic about Disney acquiring Fox Family." The statement went on to praise Disney for its "tremendous library of family programs."

Publicly, officials at Disney have not expressed concern about the association with Robertson, but privately, some have acknowledged that they would like to rid themselves of "The 700 Club," according to the *Times*.



Conservative televangelist Pat Robertson may soon be working for Disney, a company which he has repeatedly denounced for its gay-friendly stances.

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, a national media watchdog group, is keeping an eye on the transition.

"Because Pat Robertson is notorious for his rabid right wing opinion, it's unlikely many viewers would tune into his program on the Fox Family Channel unaware of his blatant bias," said Kevin McClelland.

McClelland, GLAAD's Atlanta-based regional media director, said despite the "built-in" contract Robertson has, it never hurts to contact a media corporation concerning programming.

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"It's very easy to get paranoid and think that the FBI is making up a list and some day when the 'far-rights' ascend to power, they're going to have the list. We filled out the Census with a real spirit of defiance, and we're San Franciscans. What's the alternative—not to have it on the Census and then be invisible? We're damned if we do or damned if we don't."

—San Francisco resident Peter Altman, 42, to the Associated Press, Aug. 8

"It is intentional on my part to keep my lyrics non-gender-specific. Even when I came out, I didn't want to narrow my music. I love it when women and men, whether they are gay or whatever, can relate to the basic emotion because we all have the same emotion. That's been important to me."

—Rocker Melissa Etheridge, to Reuters wire service, July 9

Melissa Etheridge

"Let's face it, lesbians and gay men have as much in common as bananas and melons. We only share the attraction for the same sex and the persecution that comes with this attraction. We have no common ground other than that we are outcast to society."

—Columnist Paulo Murillo writing in Los Angeles' *Fab!*, July 20

"Who isn't sick of seeing some movie about twentysomething white kids in a gay ghetto? Enough of that."

—Thomas Bezucha, director of the gay-themed film "Big Eden," to the *New York Blade News*, July 13

"Then I hit another second serve, huge. And that ball was on the line, was not even close. And that guy, he looks like a faggot little bit, you know. This hair all over him. He call it. I couldn't believe he did it."

—Wimbledon Men's champion Goran Ivanisevic during a post-game press conference, July 9.

Goran Ivanisevic

"I thought about having kids. I grew up assuming I'd have kids. It was a very conscious decision not to have them. I decided that I couldn't do what I wanted to do with my career and have children. Maybe it's because of the way I was raised—very 1950s, with my mother at home—but I couldn't see how you could do all that and have kids. And to be honest, I still don't."

—Outgoing NOW President Patricia Ireland to the *Washington Post*, July 19.

"The Republicans have adopted a new strategy in attacking gay and lesbian Americans. It's long been clear that there will be no progress at the federal level in advancing policies to protect GLBT people from prejudice as long as Republicans have control, but what the Boy Scout and faith-based measures show us is that there is a new right-wing assault, supported by the Bush Administration and Republican leadership, to undermine state and local efforts aimed at ending anti-gay discrimination."

—Gay U.S. Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) in a July 23 press release.

"That was a core belief for him. It wasn't that the gay and lesbian people should be treated equally; it's that all people should be treated equally. I was really proud to work for him during that because he could have taken the easy way. But he really stood up and did what a leader should do."

—Kate O'Connor, a top political aide to Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, who recently marked 10 years as governor, to the Associated Press, Aug. 8. Dean's support of civil union legislation in the state nearly cost him re-election last November.

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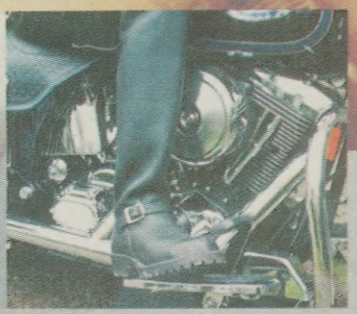

The pain of learning the truth

Mark Thompson's 10th anniversary edition of his classic 'Leatherfolk' puts a human face on a once dark and secretive community

by RICHARD ANDREOLI

"I need to have people in my life who understand me. It is not enough that they merely tolerate me. They must love me *for* who I am, not *in spite of* who I am. We are only here in this life for so long, and I intend to make the trip worth it."

So explains Tina Portillo in "I get real: Celebrating my Sado-masochistic Soul," from the newly released 10th anniversary edition of LEATHERFOLK (Alyson Books). This collection of personal essays by members of the lesbian and gay leather community explores every facet of the dark subculture, from history and politics to what attracts people to the world of radical sex practices. This isn't a "how to" on S/M. Like Portillo's words, the messages contained in these pages are both obvious on the surface, and yet loaded with complications that delve beyond basic concepts like Top and Bottom.

In a time when scared and ignorant gays were pointing accusatory fingers at the leather community for the spread of AIDS, Mark Thompson was asked to create a book which would offer insight to this largely secretive group. As an editor for *Advocate* with ties to the leather community, Thompson assembled some of the best queer writers who knew this world intimately. "I didn't want to make a book with a bunch of fantasies in it. I wanted a book that talked about what leather meant to people, and that's why I asked for essays about personal experiences."

"Leatherfolk" is viewed as one of the top texts exploring the leather community. An online search for the word "leatherfolk," a term coined by the publication of this book, reveals hundreds of entries, most of which directly relate in one way or another to the collection of stories. While anniversary editions of historically grounded works generally offer little to the modern reader, "Leatherfolk" remains the exception.

Other than a new introduction by Thompson and an updated reading list, the anniversary edition of "Leatherfolk" remains unchanged from the original. It explores the formation of the leather community from the women and men who created it, and relives issues that are still important to its members today. Arguments about women's roles in the community, the motivations of those involved in radical sex, and the role of leatherfolk in the larger gay and lesbian movement could have been heard at any recent HRC dinner. Yet because of the 10-year history behind these essays, the words seem almost more poignant because of all the advances made by homosexuals in the public spotlight. It proves that old clichés hold true: the more things change, the more they remain the same.

The book is broken into four sections. The first, "This Leather Tribe," examines the various meanings of radical sexuality, and in many ways encompasses bits of the other three sections. Writers Scott Tucker and Geoff Mains deconstruct the notions of why one engages in S/M, while Dorothy Allison and Carol Truscott demonstrate how being a lover of leather and a feminist are not mutually exclusive concepts. Additionally, Robert Hopcke's examination of leatherfolk psychology offers an interesting academic point of view to the topic.

Hopcke, himself not a member of the community but an ally nonetheless, argues that enacting S/M fantasies can be a means of accessing a deeper understanding of self, and he uses Jungian theory to support his claims. This makes the other essays on the spiritual journeys of leather-

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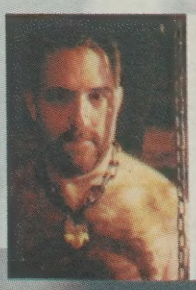
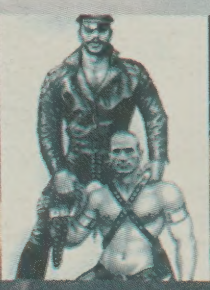

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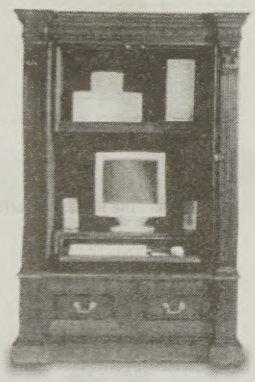

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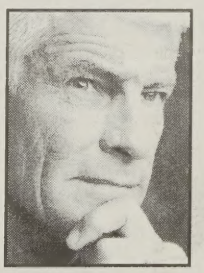

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on screen

FILM, VIDEO & TV REVIEWS

by STEVE WARREN

Not every princess becomes a queen

THE PRINCESS DIARIES is Garry Marshall's G-rated version of "Pretty Woman." Star Anne Hathaway is an obvious ringer for a young Julia Roberts.

That her co-star is Julie Andrews reinforces the similarity of the "transformation" plot to "My Fair Lady" (although this time Julie's pulling the strings), and the idea of a young woman deciding whether she really wants to be a princess recalls "Roman Holiday." Andrews plays widowed Queen Clarisse of Genovia, a fictional "country between France and Spain."

Only 15-year-old Mia (Hathaway), unaware she's related to royalty, is entitled by blood to rule Genovia. She lives in a Disneyfied (i.e., straight) San Francisco with her mother (Caroline Goodall), virtually invisible at school except to a small circle of geeks.

Mia has eyes for studly Josh (Erik von Detten) of the "A" crowd. Her best friend's (Heather Matarazzo) brother (Robert Schwartzman) admires Mia from a distance. It's so John Hughes!

Larry Miller plays Paolo, a flamer who gives Mia a physical makeover while she tries to decide whether to accept her birthright. He begins with an appraisal: "If Brooke Shields married Groucho Marx their child would have your eyebrows!"

Mia conceals her new status until she's "outed" as a princess. Still, she joins the other kids at a beach party. There's a hint of romance between Queen Clarisse and her head of security (Hector Elizondo), who leads her in a private waltz. (Andrews doesn't sing but looks as if she could still dance all night.)

Mia's mother says she's met that rare man South of Market who isn't married or living with anybody and isn't pierced or tattooed. She wants to date him but he's one of Mia's teachers.

For a G-rated movie, "The Princess Diaries" is sweet but not saccharine. It doesn't talk down to its audience the way a lot of more "mature" films do. It's a pleasant surprise.

Like Pedro Almodovar before him, gay French director Francois Ozon follows a series of outrageous queer films (including "Criminal Lovers" and "Water Drops on Burning Rocks") with **UNDER THE SAND** ("Sous le sable"), an insightful psychological study of a woman.

Not suffering from Douglas Sirk damage like Almodovar, Ozon keeps things on a more realistic, less melodramatic plane. Even though he collaborated with three women on the script, it's ultimately a story only a gay man could tell.

Charlotte Rampling stars as Marie Drillon, who loses her husband, Jean (Bruno Cremer). I mean she literally loses him. They're vacationing at the beach together. She takes a nap while he goes for a swim, and she never sees him again.

After searching frantically and filing a missing persons report with the police, Marie goes through confusion and uncertainty before entering a period of denial.

She doesn't know whether Jean drowned accidentally, committed suicide or ran off to start a new life. Without closure she can't tell whether she should grieve or be angry, whether to wait for Jean or move on with her own life.

There are legal and financial problems as well as emotional ones, because Jean's bank accounts will be frozen for 10 years while he's considered missing.Marie's best friend Amanda (Alexandra Stewart) tries to help by hooking her up with Vincent (Jacques Nolot), who is decent and available.

Still living as though Jean were with her, Marie enters into an affair with Vincent, but she considers it the first time she's cheated on Jean in over 25 years of marriage.

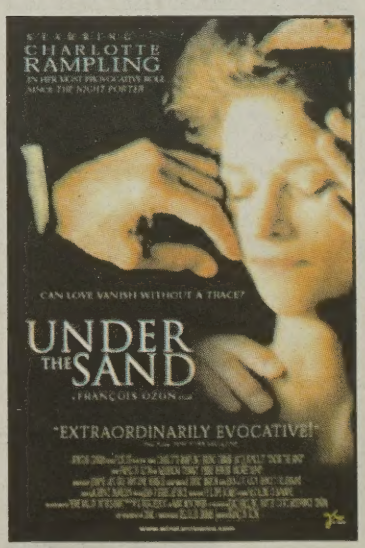
This is the story of Marie's journey, but is she headed toward sanity or madness? Constantly on screen, Rampling gets a workout and proves capable of the tour de force performance the role requires. While she still looks good, there are no camera tricks to disguise the fact that she's over 50, even when she's nude physically as well as emotionally.

"Under the Sand" gives the viewer a workout too. It's another fine effort from one of France's best, most versatile and gayest young filmmakers.

INFO

'The Princess Diaries'
★★ 1/2
Directed by Garry Marshall
Starring Anne Hathaway, Julie Andrews, Hector Elizondo
Queer Quotient: Even in a G-rated Disney movie there's one queer in San Francisco, Larry Miller's flaming stylist; and there's a joke about a man buying women's shoes.

'Under the Sand'
★★★
Directed by Francois Ozon
Starring Charlotte Rampling, Bruno Cremer, Jacques Nolot
Queer Quotient: No gay content, but the film offers further proof that no one understands women like a gay man.



Charlotte Rampling plays a woman who literally loses her husband in gay French Director Francois Ozon's 'Under the Sand.'

Julie Andrews is Queen Clarisse of Genovia and Anne Hathaway plays her granddaughter and successor to the throne in 'The Princess Diaries.'

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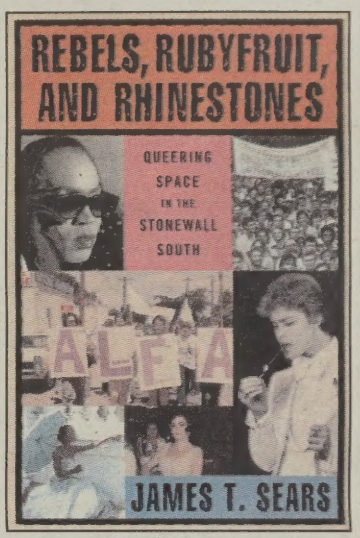

REBELS, RUBYFRUIT, AND RHINESTONES is the second volume in James T. Sears's multi-volume history of the lesbian and gay South. The first volume, "Lonely Hunters," covered the period between 1948 and 1968, when the closet was still king and the homophile movement first raised a cautious head.

This current volume takes the queer South past Stonewall and into an age of gay liberation and lesbian feminism. In the decade between 1969 and 1979, Sears writes, "the homophile generation marked by gradualism, civility, and accommodation gave way to the rubyfruit generation characterized by immediacy, confrontation and resoluteness.

"In the span of a generation we went from long lines to view 'Boys in the Band' to picket lines for those viewing 'Cruising,' from lonely voices seeking political support to powerful voices wielding political clout, from women's auxiliaries in gay male organizations to the radicalesbians of the Furies, Feminary, and Sinister Wisdom."

Though "Lonely Hunters" covered a period that is twice as long as its successor's, its geographic scope was limited to Florida and the Carolinas. The range of "Rebels, Rubyfruit and Rhinestones" is as big as the Southland, and includes Houston, New Orleans, Birmingham, rural Tennessee, Richmond and Norfolk as well as Miami, Charleston and Charlotte.

While "Lonely Hunters" was rightly criticized for its heavy male emphasis, "Rebels, Rubyfruit, and Rhinestones" gives Dixie's lesbians their due. Some of the individuals in the first book—Merril Mushroom, Jack Nichols and Lige Clarke—play prominent roles in the current volume, while others make brief appearances or no appearance at all.

To a large extent, the lesbian and gay history of the South is the history of ordinary women and men who were moved by circumstances to do extraordinary things. What they would have done without the double impetus of the gay and feminist movements we can only surmise.

Though Bob Basker, Logan Carter or Julia Penelope would have been notable under almost any circumstances, it was their presence at a particular place and time that made them great and memorable. Basker, as we should all know, played a pivotal role in Miami-Dade County's ill-fated "gay rights" referendum (1977).

This election, and the rise of Anita Bryant as a symbol of the religious right, are the most memorable events of the gay South in the 1970s. Though Sears gives them their due, he also introduces the reader to other, lesser-known but equally important milestones, from the fire that killed 28 men and 1 woman at the Up Stairs Lounge in New Orleans in 1973, to the National Women's Conference in Houston in 1977.

Other less newsworthy events were life-changing experiences to the people who took part in them. To the women involved, the Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance and its softball team (the Omegas) were at least as momentous as Sgt. Leonard Matlovich's discharge from the U.S. Air Force (1975).

Groups like the Thebans Motorcycle Club, publications like *Sinister Wisdom* and *RFD*, and events like the Miss Florida Female Impersonators pageant—which Logan Carter won in 1974 as "Roxanne Russell"—created a community where there was none before.

"Rebels, Rubyfruit and Rhinestones" naturally ends with the first March on Washington for Lesbian & Gay Rights (October 13, 1979); a "gathering of tribes" which brought together many of the book's major and minor characters.

Thanks to James Sears and "Rebels, Rubyfruit, and Rhinestones," their lives and their achievements are now part of our permanent record.

INFO

'Rebels, Rubyfruit, And Rhinestones: Queering Space in the Stonewall South'
by James T. Sears
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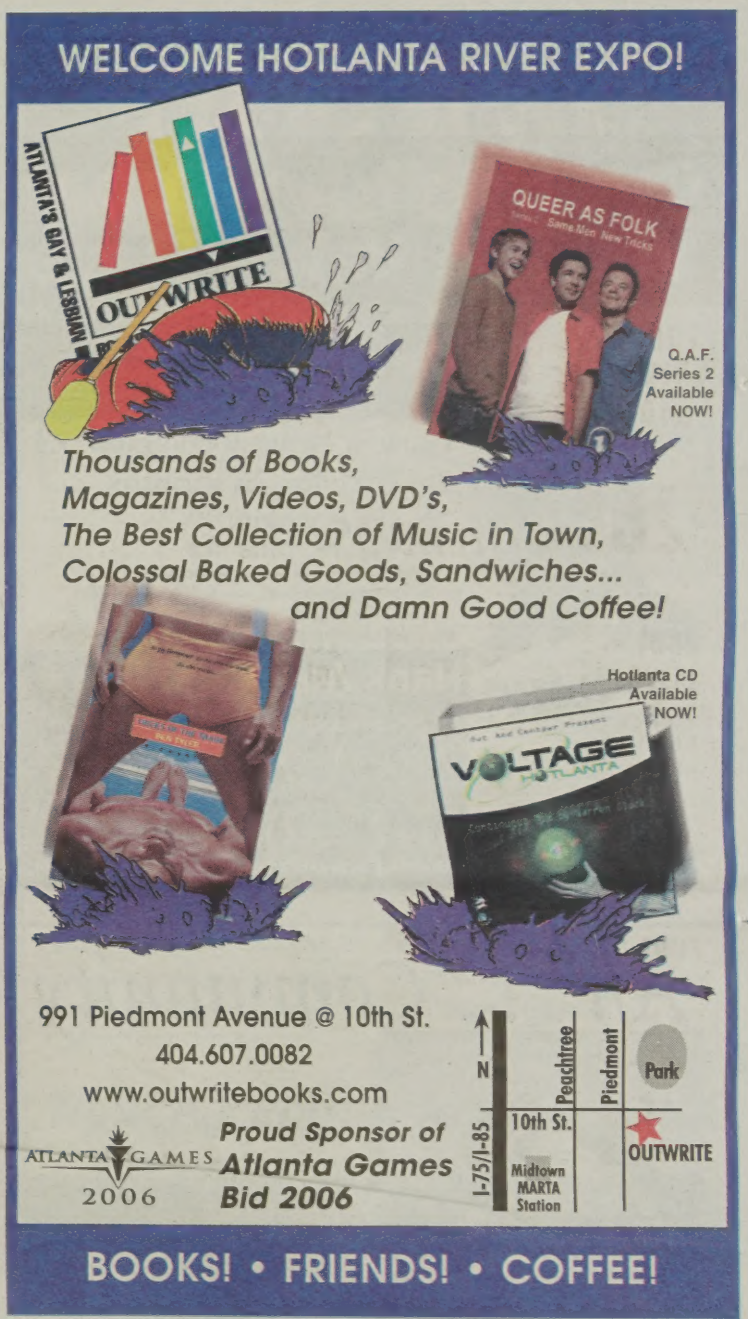

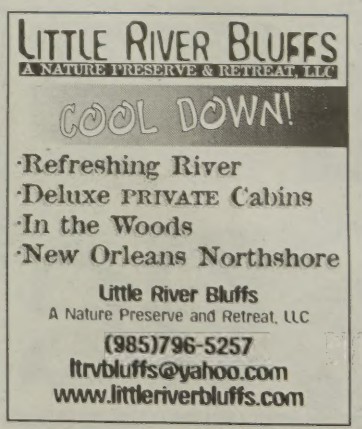

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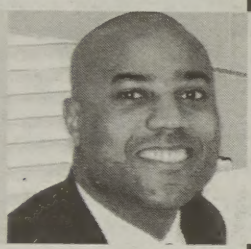

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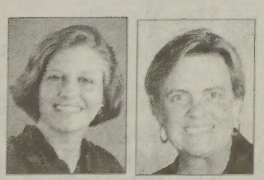

on the air CALENDAR

saturday, aug 11

CUJO When he was a kid, out actor Danny Pintauro played a scared kid in this movie, based on a Stephen King novel, about a St. Bernard gone mad. (2 hrs.) Sci-Fi Channel at 2:30 p.m. CC

BIG BROTHER 2 See how gay cast member Bunky fairs. (1 hr.) CBS at 8 p.m. CC

GAR WILLIAMS SHOW Gar reveals the truth behind gay old Hollywood. New Orleans Cable Access Channel 78 at 8:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. New Orleans

CECIL B. DEMENTED John Waters takes on Hollywood in this tale of a starlet (Melanie Griffith) kidnapped by guerrilla filmmakers. (1 hr. 30 mins.) Sundance at 11 p.m.

BEYOND CHANCE Show about supernatural experience debuts its third season with five new tales. Hosted by Melissa Etheridge. (1 hr.) Lifetime at 11 p.m. CC

sunday, aug 12

BIG DADDY When Adam Sandler adopts a young boy, his two gay friends help with the parenting duties. (1 hr. 35 mins) HBO at 1:30 p.m. CC

XENA: WARRIOR PRINCESS Xena and Gabrielle become embroiled in a family dispute between Lord Belach and his daughter. (1 hr.) WB at 5 p.m. CC

FROM THE WAIST DOWN Documentary series by gay production company World of Wonder airs two consecutive episodes. (2 hrs.) VH1 at 7 p.m.

LOS BELTRAN Spanish-language sitcom featuring a gay couple as the next-door neighbors. (30 min.) Telemundo at 8 p.m.

BENT A gay man and his lover are sent to Dachau in 1930's Germany. Features appearances by Ian McKellen, Mick Jagger, and Jude Law. (1 hr. 45 mins.) Sundance at 9 p.m.

SEX AND THE CITY Final adventure before going on hiatus until January. (30 mins.) HBO at 9 p.m. CC

SIX FEET UNDER David, Nate, and Brenda's adventures at a funeral director's conference in Las Vegas. The second to last episode of the season. (1 hr.) HBO at 9:30 p.m. CC

QUEER AS FOLK Remember the one where Michael's female co-worker wants him? Well, it's on again. (45 mins.) Showtime at 10 p.m.

LEAP YEARS An innovative series that simultaneously looks at a group of friends, one of whom is gay, in the past, present, and future. (1 hr.) Showtime at 10:45 p.m.

THIS AMERICAN LIFE Ira Glass' radio showcase of America's weird and wonderful regularly features gay humor writer David Sedaris. WABE 90.1 FM at 4 p.m. Atlanta.

monday, aug 13

INSPECTOR GADGET Matthew Broderick plays the gadget enhanced detective and gay actor Rupert Everett plays his nemesis The Claw. (1 hr. 25 mins.) Encore at 11:05 a.m. and 8 p.m. CC

ALL MY CHILDREN This long-running serial now features Bianca, the lesbian daughter of legendary Erica Kane (Susan Lucci). (1 hr.) ABC Weekdays at 1 p.m.

SPYDER GAMES This serial is both a spoof of the soap genre and a reveling in it. Look for Byron Field who plays Ivan, a closeted gay newlywed. (30 mins.) MTV Monday through Friday at 7 p.m.

INTIMATE PORTRAIT A look at the life, loves, and hardship of gay icon Tammy Faye. (1 hr.) Lifetime at 7 p.m. CC

BACKSTORY A backstage look at all the drama and fun during the making of the movie version of The Rocky Horror Picture Show. (30 mins.) American Movie Classics at 10 p.m.

ELECTION Black comedy about the race for high school class president—one of the students running for office is a lesbian. (1 hr., 45 min.) Showtime at 11 p.m. CC

UNDRESSED This soap-opera like series follows three young couples, often including Gay and bisexual characters. (30 min.) MTV weeknights at 11 p.m.

POLITICALLY INCORRECT Gay musician Rufus Wainwright will be sharing his political views as a member of tonight's panel. (30 mins.) CBS at 12:35 CC

C1TV New cable show devoted to gay men and lesbians. Showing censored eplsodes of "Queer as Folk." Cable 9, 16, 24, or 25 at 11 p.m. Atlanta.

tuesday, aug 14

THREE TO TANGO A straight architect (Matthew Perry) pretends to be gay in order to get closer to the woman of his dreams. (1 hr., 40 min.) Cinemax at 6:30 p.m. CC

CELEBRITY PROFILE Kathie Lee Gifford alert! (1 hr.) E! at 7 p.m.

BIG BROTHER 2 The second episode of the week. (1 hr.) CBS at 8 p.m.

GAR WILLIAMS SHOW Gar reveals the truth behind gay old Hollywood. New Orleans Cable Access Channel 78 at 8:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. New Orleans

DIFFERENT FOR GIRLS Sensitive story about a relationship between a straight man and a male-to-female transsexual, who once attended an all-boys boarding school together. (1 hr., 40 min.) Sundance at 9 p.m. CC

JEFFERSON PARISH STORIES An encore showing of the WYES production. Drag Queen Bingo host Becky Allen and her mother are among those who share memories of growing up in Jefferson Parish. Ch. 12 New Orleans at 8 p.m. New Orleans

THREE OF HEARTS A desperate woman hires a gigolo (William Baldwin) to help her win back her lover (Sherilyn Fenn). (1 hr. 45 mins.) The Movie Channel at 10:35 p.m. CC

QUEER AS FOLK See Sunday at 10 p.m. listing (1 hr.) Showtime at 11 p.m.

wednesday, aug 15

THE TALENTED MR. RIPLEY Matt Damon plays the title character who resorts to murder when his homoerotic relationship with his friend Dickie (Jude Law) falls apart. (2 hrs. 20 mins) The Movie Channel at 9 p.m. CC

JAMES DEAN A fictionalized account of the enigmatic, bisexual actor (brilliantly portrayed by James Franco) and his tragically short career. (2 hrs.) TNT at 9 p.m. CC

SIX FEET UNDER See Sunday at 10 p.m. listing (1 hr.) HBO at 9 p.m.

SEX IN THE CITY See Sunday at 9 p.m. listing. (30 mins.) HBO at 10 p.m.

thursday, aug 16

TO WONG FOO, THANKS FOR EVERYTHING, JULIE NEWMAR Three drag queens (Patrick Swayze, Wesley Snipes, and John Leguizamo) transform a small town when their car breaks down en route to a drag competition. (1 hr. 50 mins.) Encore at 9:05 a.m. and 6 p.m. CC

REBEL WITHOUT A CAUSE Gay actor Sal Mineo co-stars in this James Dean classic. (1 hr. 55 mins.) Turner Classic Movies at 6 p.m.

WILL & GRACE: INSIDE OUT A backstage look at the popular gay series. (1 hr.) E! at 7 p.m.

BIG BROTHER 2 Keep your fingers crossed for gay housemate Bunky, as the fifth person is evicted from the house. (1 hr.) CBS at 8 p.m.

FRIENDS Erotic tension mounts as Ross and Joey find they enjoy napping together. (30 mins.) NBC at 8 p.m. CC

GAR WILLIAMS SHOW Gar reveals the truth behind gay old Hollywood. New Orleans Cable Access Channel 78 at 8:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. New Orleans

WILL AND GRACE Jack's novel in progress gets Karen all hot and bothered. (30 mins.) NBC at 9 p.m. CC

friday, aug 17

HUDSON HAWK Though the movie was panned by critics, bisexual comedian Sandra Bernhard saves this action movie farce with her brilliant performance as psychotically funny billionaire villian Minerva Mayflower. (1 hr. 40 mins.) Cinemax at 9 a.m. CC

CRY-BABY Gay director John Water's movie stars Johnny Depp as a bad boy rocker who defies a conservative town. (1 hr. 25 mins.) Encore at 6:30 p.m. CC

MOUTH OF THE SOUTH LIVE! Peg's weekly cocktail party—taped live at the Metro on Mondays. People TV, cable channel 12 or 24 on Thur at 11 p.m.; Sat at 10 p.m. Atlanta.

DEAUNDRA PEEK'S TV SHOW Monotone lovely sings about vienna sausages and such. People TV, cable channel 12 or 24, Fri 11:30 p.m.; Sat 11 p.m. Atlanta.

PSYCHO BEACH PARTY An ultra-gay send up of 1950s beach movies by the gender illusionist and playwright Charles Busch. (1 hr. 40 mins.) Starz! at 2 a.m. CC

on the air

by BRIAN MOYLAN

Conquering the airwaves

When it comes to 'reality' TV, queers have the market cornered

On July 28 it was demonstrated, yet again, that gay people may be the kings and queens of reality television. On that day, Brian Dowling, a gay 23-year-old Irish flight attendant, won the British version of the reality show "**Big Brother**."

Along with the admiration of the British public, Dowling won 70,000 pounds. He outlasted another openly gay contestant, Josh Rafter, who was voted off the show for not being able to help his fellow flatmates complete one of their assigned tasks.

The American version of "Big Brother" also boasts a gay man known as Bunky.

Queers have a distinct corner on the reality TV market. Just take a look at our list of the best in the genre:

"An American Family" originally aired in 1973 on PBS to record-breaking numbers and is quite probably the first "reality" show. Cameras followed the Loud family around for seven months, capturing plenty of "ordinary" drama.

In one episode, Lance Loud came out to his parents, Pat and Bill, earning the series its highest ratings. Pat and Bill later divorced.

MTV's groundbreaking **"The Real World"** may be responsible for the current craze. Norm, an offbeat artist, was billed on the show as bisexual, but later identified himself as gay. In one episode, Norm goes out on a date with talk-show host Charles Perez, but the two don't really get along.

The series continued in **Los Angeles** featuring Beth S., a straight would-be actress, and Beth A., a lesbian artist who was added after a cast-mate left to get married. When the cast reads a copy of *TV Guide* featuring an article about the show, Beth S. is dismayed that she is listed as the lesbian, prompting Beth A. to teasingly scream across the house, "There's nothing wrong with being a leeeeeesbian, Beth."

In **San Francisco**, one of the nation's gayest cities, reality television gets its gayest star. Pedro Zamora, an openly gay, HIV-positive AIDS educator, not only weds his partner Sean during the season, but achieves a moral victory when he rallies the other housemates to oust grosser-than-gross roomie "Puck," whose unsanitary lifestyle was a threat to Pedro's health.

In the **"Real World Reunion 2000,"** Genesis, the beautiful lesbian who did little more than sit around the house being lonely during the Boston season, announces that she met her partner, Paige, at a lesbian club and that the two are happily in love and have had a commitment ceremony.

Gay man Brian Dowling captured 70,000 pounds and the love of England when he walked away as winner on the British reality series 'Big Brother.'

When the "Real World" came to **New Orleans**, gay roomie Danny got a surprise visit from his military boyfriend Paul (also know as Sgt. Randomized-Block-Head) for Valentine's Day.

In the **Hawaii** version of "Real World," Justin, a gay Harvard law student, decides that he is sick of being on the show and disappears from his bedroom in the middle of the night. It's one of the coolest and gutsiest events ever to happen on the show.

After baring his soul to fellow contestants—and his lily-white rear end to all of America—openly gay Richard Hatch wins the million-dollar prize as the top **"Survivor"** on the acclaimed series of the same name.

Though many Americans reviled his Machiavellian tactics, Hatch showed the world that even a "fag" could defeat Bible-beating Rudy.

"The Mole" featured two gay personalities. After winning a contest allowing cast members to spend time with a loved one, gay helicopter pilot Jim hugs his ex-lover (who looks just like him) and Jennifer kisses her partner, Amy. Ironically, Jennifer is thrown off the show later in the same episode.

On **"Survivor II"** Cowboy Colby Donaldson takes his shirt off during the first episode; gay men around the world drool.

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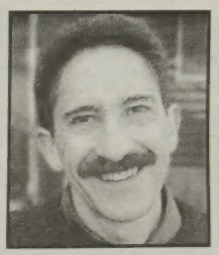

by JASON SERINUS

'Little Women' composer makes a big noise

Gay classical artist set to take music world by storm with a CD and TV special

Mark Adamo's 'Little Women,' currently available on CD, airs on the PBS program 'Great Performances' Aug. 29.

MARK ADAMO's name is about to be known across America. On Aug. 29, PBS' "Great Performances" will broadcast the two-act opera "Little Women," an adaptation of the classic Louisa May Alcott novel. The week before, the 2-CD Houston Grand Opera recording of the work (Ondine ODE CD 989) arrives in stores.

One listen to the delightful assemblage of arias, duets and quartets contained in "Little Women"—there's even an octet—explains why the 39-year old composer is experiencing such extraordinary success. Adamo has managed to distill into his engaging libretto and score the actions and psychological undercurrents that unify what he terms "the plethora of events that Alcott piles into her tidy morality tale for young readers."

"If you have ever heard or uttered the words 'I think I've outgrown this relationship,' then 'Little Women' is about your life," explains Adamo.

"All the movement in the work is psychological. It's entirely about people changing their perspectives. Even though there are a fair number of incidents, the real plot is psychological—it's about a woman who is learning to let go."

"Jo is constantly being confronted with the music of change and resisting with musical stasis. In trying to sketch out a way this would sound, I placed all of the intertwining incidents in a kind of tonal foreground against a non-tonal background. This enabled me to have the best of a number of worlds."

Happily, the original 1998 Houston Grand Opera cast boasted young, fine-voiced singers who could also act. The virtuoso arias "Un-bake the breads" and "Perfect as we are" were written specifically for lead mezzo-soprano Stephanie Novacek, while "Things change, Jo" was composed with mezzo Joyce DiDonato in mind.

Just a few years ago, Adamo expected his life to take him more into the theater than the opera house. "If I was going to follow anyone's footsteps, I thought it would be Stephen Sondheim rather than Samuel Barber." Yet even as he worked as a music critic for the *Washington Post*, commissions began coming in.

"Somehow I didn't think of myself as a composer. I was puzzled that I was being asked because I thought 'Surely these people know that while I'm trying to do as best as I can, it's not Mahler,'" he says.

In 1994, however, Adamo discovered himself writing a 40-minute AIDS memorial for voice and orchestra. After its 1995 premiere, he realized, "There were too many people who believed in what I did for them all to be delusional." Three years later came "Little Women," with Houston's production followed by Opera Pacific, Central City Opera, Minnesota Opera, and soon New York City Opera and Glimmerglass.

Adamo, currently at work on the opera "Lysistrata," has recently been appointed composer-in-residence for NYCO.

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Winners and losers

Gays scored a bittersweet victory when the UN gave ILGA official status in 1993—only to revoke it a year later

When the International Lesbian & Gay Association received consultative status at the United Nations in 1993, it seemed cause for celebration. For the first time, gay men and lesbians would have an official voice among the nations of the world.

But the joy was short-lived. Soon homophobic groups in the United States were saying that ILGA promoted pedophilia. These charges resulted not only in ILGA losing its status at the U.N.—they nearly tore the group apart.

Founded in 1978 and based in Brussels, ILGA is an umbrella association comprised of more than 350 gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender organizations from all over the world. It would seem logical that ILGA should have consultative status with the Economic & Social Council, the principal U.N. body responsible for promoting human rights.

More than 2,000 non-governmental organizations enjoy such status, which allows them to submit reports to ECOSOC and participate in its conferences. ILGA first applied for consultative status in 1990, but it wasn't until March 1993 that the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations recommended the application be approved—over strenuous objections from Muslim delegates.

When the matter came up at ECOSOC's meeting in Geneva on July 30, 1993, 22 countries, including the United States, voted in favor of ILGA's accreditation; four countries—Syria, Malaysia, Swaziland and Togo—opposed it, with 17 countries abstaining. ILGA hailed the vote as a milestone.

"The world community has recognized ...that lesbian and gay rights are human rights," declared ILGA Secretary-General Hans Hjerpekjon.

But anti-gay groups in the United States were not going to let this happen without a fight. In September 1993, the *Lambda Report*, a right-wing newsletter that claims to "monitor the homosexual agenda," published an article pointing out that ILGA counted among its members the North American Man-Boy Love Association, which supports men who desire sex with adolescent and preadolescent boys.

Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), a long-time anti-gay crusader, introduced an amendment to withhold nearly $119 million from the U.N. until the State Department could certify that no U.N.-accredited NGO "promotes, condones, or seeks the legalization of pedophilia, or includes as a subsidiary or member any such organization." His amendment passed unanimously.

Even loyal supporters like Canada and Australia began to question ILGA's accreditation. In response, in 1994, ILGA voted to expel NAMBLA and two other similar groups, but it was a highly controversial decision. Many accused the group of caving in to right-wing, anti-sex views.

Nor was the United States happy. The State Department learned that a German ILGA organization had an association with a pedophile group; consequently, it could not certify that the U.N. was free of child molesters.

Since ILGA couldn't guarantee that none of its members had any connection whatsoever with such groups, ECOSOC suspended its consultative status at a behind-closed-doors meeting in 1994. This was the first time since the 1950s that an NGO's U.N. status had been revoked.

The fall-out continued. In its effort to appease the U.N., ILGA demanded that members sign a statement saying they do not condone pedophilia. Many refused on principle.

By July 1996, less than half of its membership had signed the anti-pedophilia statement, and ILGA announced it would rescind the requirement. Financial concerns were a likely factor; from 1995 to 1996, revenues had dropped from about $215,000 to about $50,000.

ILGA has since dropped efforts to restore its position at the U.N.

Currently, the only specifically gay NGO at ECOSOC is the Australian Coalition of Activist Lesbians, which gained consultative status in 1999.

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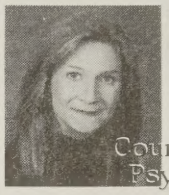

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'Leatherfolk' offers a window for outsiders looking in

Members of the leather community were often shunned by mainstream gays.

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women and men ring with more than a simplistic New Age tint.

For those outside the leather scene looking in, Hopcke's essay offers a window, while those within the scene are given pause to consider deeper levels of understanding in their own leather experiences.

"Leatherfolk" also presents queer history from a leather-bound perspective. As such, it should be mandatory reading for any Gay Studies major, as well as any person claiming to have knowledge on the gay community. The book's second section, "Six Decades of Shadow Dancing," examines that history from the 1940s through '90s.

Samuel Steward presents a unique personal perspective on his role with Dr. Kinsey, whose influence on how mainstream America views homosexuality is still felt today.

Thom Magister explores training to be a Master within the "Old Guard." Gayle Rubin provides a history of the Catacombs, a fisting club integral to the presence of gay sex clubs in America, and Mark Thompson brings together two seemingly unlike groups, the leather community and the Radical Faeries.

History, it's often argued, is best viewed through a personal perspective. That's why the story of Anne Frank makes the impact of the Holocaust so much more real and powerful to those who didn't live in Germany during World War II. So too, do the writers' essays in this section offer tremendous insight into queer history when examined from the larger gay perspective.

Through these pages we see the advent of AIDS, discrimination against leatherfolk by the larger gay community seeking mainstream acceptance and how the "outing" of leatherfolk brought the community into the public spotlight—at the same time exposing the secrets that once made this world so erotically exciting.

Closely tied to history comes the third section, "The Body Becomes Politic," where more controversial and less easily explained aspects of radical sex are explored. Arnie Kantrowitz views the rise of Nazi fetishism, John Preston shows his disgust for the mainstreaming of leather, and Pat Califia raises (among other things) the seldom-thought-of needs of a top.

Supporters of radical sex often speak of the spirituality motivating a leather scene, while people viewing the community from the outside generally scoff at such statements. The final section, "Spirit and the Flesh," explores this concept in more detail.

None of the writers in this section make the mistake of saying, "If you do this, spiritual enlightenment will result." The more common dimension of these stories is that leather people felt a calling to explore this side of their lives, usually from an initial erotic sensibility.

Then, while participating in a hot scene, the event slowly transformed, as did the people involved in the play. As Thompson, who later went on to write the "Gay Spirit," "Gay Soul," and "Gay Body" novels, observes, "When you have an experience with laughter and tears and self revelation at the same moment, it's generally thought of as a spiritual experience."

"Leatherfolk" is invaluable as a historical examination of leather's birth and rise from the '40s until today. Likewise, the political aspects of the book often raise more issues for debate than they do any clear-cut solutions. In this age of mediocrity and assimilation, however, such discussion can only be beneficial. The one thing Thompson wants to make very clear with this 10th anniversary edition is that, ultimately, this novel is a fascinating collection of lived, shared experiences.

"I'm not saying with this book that the leather world is for everyone. Either you feel the calling or you don't. But I did want to create something that would help those who heard the voice and were curious and those who might be scared of it or who were fighting the internalized self-hatred that some of the Old Guard went through. I wanted to create a record of what has happened in people's lives to be used as a tool of engagement," he says.

With its timelessness and perspective on queer history, as well as its importance as a piece of leather literature, it seems Thompson has succeeded.

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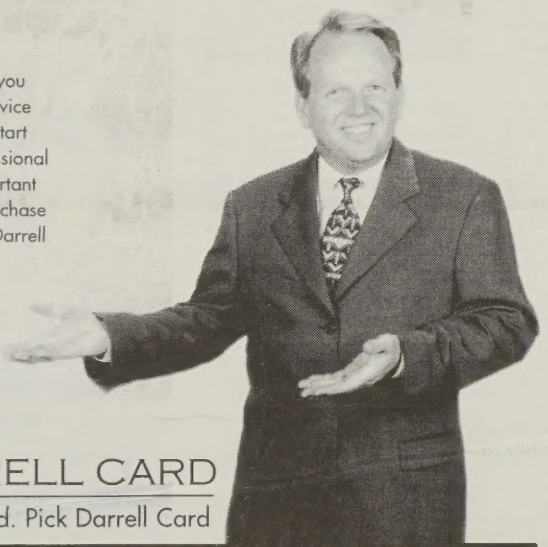

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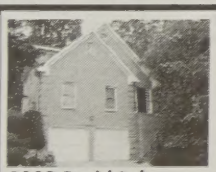

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Hed games

As Hedwig's Inch stretches its angry way across the nation, *Playboy Online* recently caught up with John Cameron Mitchell, creator and star of the hot new movie "Hedwig and the Angry Inch," and perhaps got more than they bargained for. Obviously not one for the coy Hollywood grin and pout routine, Mitchell answered the interviewer's sexually pointed questions with a relaxed humor and frankness that goes several big inches off the standard fare scale. The 38-year-old performer described his experience with threesomes as "an attention span puzzle" that's perhaps best left to strangers. And when asked about the strangest place he has ever had sex, Mitchell said "I had sex at night in Dornoch Cathedral in the Highlands of Scotland with a nice Scottish goth. His family lived nearby but they were so religious we couldn't fool around in the house. Oh, you know where it was? It was actually the cathedral where Madonna's baby was baptized." Now that's blowing some bagpipes...

John Cameron Mitchell recently told *Playboy Online* he had sex in Dornoch Cathedral where Madonna's baby was baptized!

Mariah hits a low note

Hot on the high heels of releasing "Loverboy," the world's very first pop song not to have structure, hook or melody, Mariah Carey has gone crazy. The squealing singer was hospitalized and placed under psychiatric evaluation last week after several days of bizarre behavior—which culminated in either a kitchen accident or an attempt to take her own life, depending on whom one chooses to believe. Police found a distraught Carey in her apartment last Wednesday wearing nothing but a black slip, high heels and covered in blood, the UK *Sun* reports. No one can dispute however, that the writing wasn't on the wall. Mariah showed up on MTV's TRL earlier in the month dressed in little more than a purple t-shirt and pushing an ice cream cart. She posted cryptic, desperate messages on her own Web site, and her publicist had to physically snatch a microphone away from her mouth after she began babbling incoherently before TV cameras recently. "Glitter," her sexy new album and movie, hits streets later this month.

A babbling Mariah Carey was reportedly discovered by police wandering around her apartment covered in blood and wearing only a slip.

Out in the Styx

Chuck Panozzo, bass player and founding member of the rock group Styx, decided to come out about his sexual orientation and HIV status last week, the *Advocate* reports. Panozzo further stated that he will become this year's spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign's National Coming Out Project. The bassist tested positive for HIV in 1991 and was diagnosed with advanced AIDS in 1999. Panozzo says he based his decision to come out and live his life as an openly gay man after two years of aggressive therapy and the passing of a longtime friend. "Coming out has touched my life in so many positive ways and really has set my spirit free," Panozzo said. "I've lived in Chicago my entire life, but speaking to my gay brothers and sisters about coming out means I am finally home." Styx shot to fame in the '70s with hits such as "Come Sail Away" and "Renegade." Candace Gingrich, HRC's National Coming Out Project manager, is pleased to have the Styx rocker as a spokesperson. "We think he will have a significant impact on those who are still struggling with coming out," Gingrich said.

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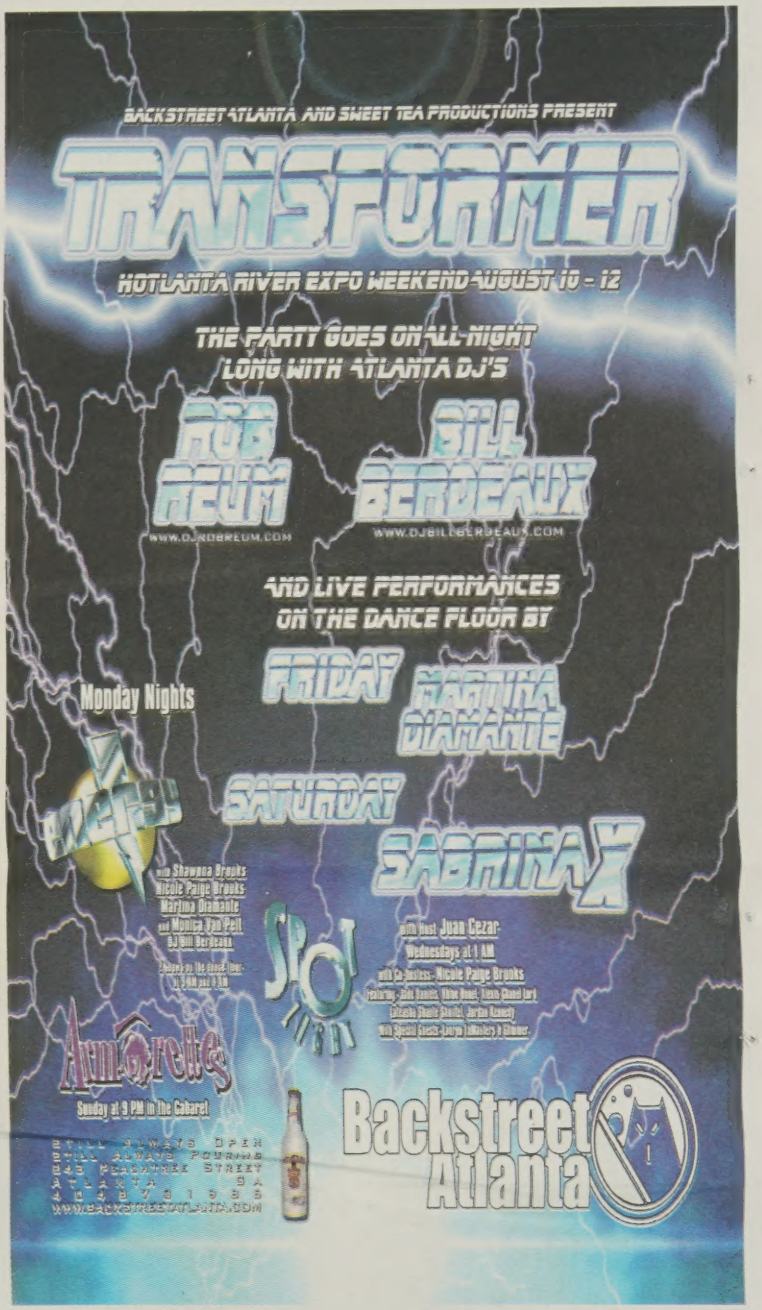

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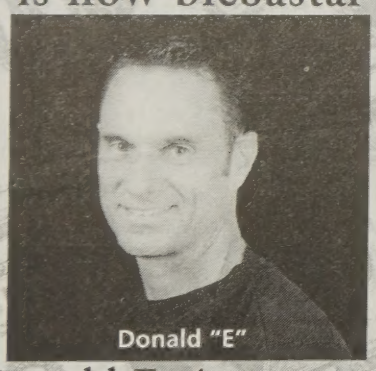

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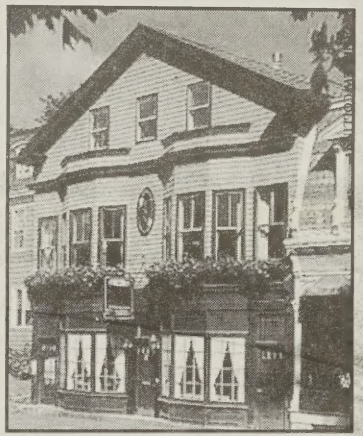

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As a gay vacation spot, NEWPORT is something of an underdog. Like other resort towns with a reputation for great wealth and conservative tastes—think Charleston, S.C., or Santa Barbara, Calif., for instance—this small colonial seaport sometimes seems more prim and reserved than it really is.

In fact, while Newport has no gay nightlife presently (gay bars have opened and closed in the past decade), it has gradually developed into a desirable romantic retreat among same-sex couples. Virtually all of the city's many historic inns are gay-friendly, and a few of them are gay-owned.

A prominent colonial port city with a history of booms and busts, excesses and war intrigues, Newport is most famous as the summer hideaway of America's wealthiest families during the so-called Gilded Age, which peaked around 1900.

Visitors delight in touring the many ostentatious relics of this period, many of which are open regularly for tours. The Astors' **Beechwood** and Cornelius Vanderbilt's leviathan 70-room "cottage"—**The Breakers**—rank among the city's most visited homes.

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Newport's downtown and primary commercial drag, **Thames Street**, draws hand-holding couples year-round and nearly bursts with them in summer. It's yacht-y and fairly preppy, and it certainly bears no resemblance to the buff muscle parades and diva caravans of Provincetown—but you will find plenty of opportunities to give your wallet a spin.

A few blocks inland, Broadway cultivates a distinctly unconventional personality. Just stroll along this emerging strip of urbane cafes, ragtag thrift shops, down-home diners, and edgy piercing parlors to get a sense of Newport's own nod to New York's East Village.

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Another lower Thames favorite, **Scales Restaurant and Raw Bar** is a minimalist-chic dining room serving straightforward freshly caught fish and shellfish, from mesquite-grilled monkfish to lobster fra diavalo for two.

While any of these places could be called ostensibly gay-friendly, you'll often spy more of the alternative crowd at the off-beat eateries along Broadway. Eccentric **Tucker's**—with its mismatched table settings and gilt mirrors and paintings—can be ideal for a full meal or simply for coffee and one of the kitchen's decadent desserts.

Of course, a major consideration when vacationing in romantic Newport is choosing the right place to spend the night. None of the inns and B&Bs draw an exclusively gay clientele, but a few cater heavily to that market. The relatively new **Best Western Atlantic Beach**—on the oceanfront—is an attractive mid-rise bathed in warm colors and offers ocean views from many rooms.

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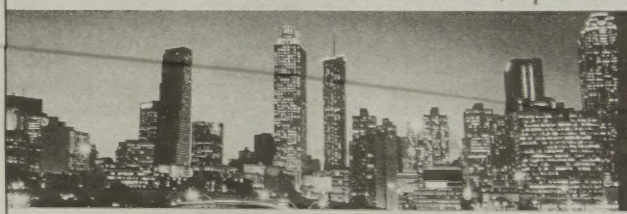

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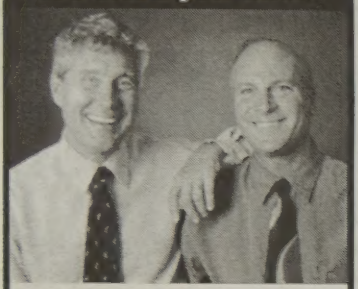

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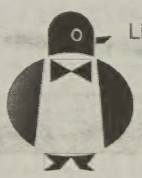

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Minimizing midsummer maintenance

Keeping up with garden requirements on a daily basis prevents a heavy weekend workload

Now that your garden is growing like gangbusters and yielding both spectacular color and an assortment of tasty herbs and vegetables, let's confront that dreaded word—maintenance.

Face it, there's no such thing as a maintenance-free garden. Even plastic flamingoes occasionally fall down. But with a little forethought and common sense, you can minimize summer maintenance and have a garden in which chores become their own source of stress relief.

Let's begin with watering. Soaker hoses or other forms of drip irrigation can save you time and money. They allow moisture to be absorbed directly at the roots, minimizing evaporation and water waste. Furthermore, they keep water off foliage, reducing disease.

Without a convenient spigot on a scorching, full sun patio, a clever and especially lazy friend of mine keeps his pots and window boxes lush by connecting a five gallon bucket to a drip irrigation system. The bucket is raised on the patio's railing, allowing steady water flow throughout the day. Not once has he come home to a dried-up disaster after work!

Best of all, drip irrigation can be laid down and left in place throughout the season, saving you the trouble of moving heavy, tangled hoses. Along with an investment in a quality hose timer, you'll find yourself with more time and energy to contemplate other garden improvements.

For example, have you thought about the garden's mulch lately? Have hard rains sent your beloved ground cover on a watery ride into the neighbor's yard? Now is the time to patch those bare areas.

Remember that mulch offers many time-saving benefits. It minimizes weed growth, conserves soil moisture, prevents soil erosion, keeps roots cool, improves soil fertility and texture and makes the entire garden more attractive. This is one area where you don't want to be skimpy.

Like the inflated stories of your last date, lay it on thick. A minimum of three inches will keep the ground cool and moist. Pots can also be mulched with earth-colored stones to help reduce their water demands.

Weeding is often the most dreaded summer chore. Fortunately, it can be whacked in two ways—with herbicides or with the reliable "down on your knees" approach.

Good for you and good for your garden: Weeding and tending to your personal outdoor space is not only fun—it's been proven to be relaxing and therapeutic.

Chemical herbicides are excellent time savers if used with care. Always read the instructions fully. You might kill your prized plants if you don't.

Products that prevent or reduce the germination of weed seeds (e.g. Preen) are effective long-term

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Garden maintenance can be relaxing and therapeutic

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time savers, but won't kill existing weeds. If you decide to use a fast acting spray-on herbicide, be sure to keep the spray off surrounding plants. An inexpensive solution is to use a piece of cardboard.

Try weeding by hand as a form of stress relief. It's quite therapeutic to remove an obnoxious pest by viscerally ripping it out by its roots.

The day after a good rain shower is an excellent time to tackle unwanted vegetation. With wet ground, it's fairly easy to remove the entire weed, roots and all.

Also, don't wait until it's a jungle to weed. Take a look at your plants after work each day. Not only will it help you to unwind, but also, spending 10 or 20 minutes on a little maintenance will ensure a lighter weekend workload. You'll nip problems in the bud, so to speak.

On your maintenance stroll, inspect plants for problems and deadhead appropriately. Although it may conjure images of colorful bears dancing to groovin', hippie music, in this context "to deadhead" simply means to remove flowers and stems that have already bloomed. I also use deadheading as part of my garden therapy.

Now that you've learned a few simple tricks to help minimize your midsummer maintenance, I must get back to my own garden. There's an unruly **BUSH** that needs deadheading. Snip. Ahhhh...

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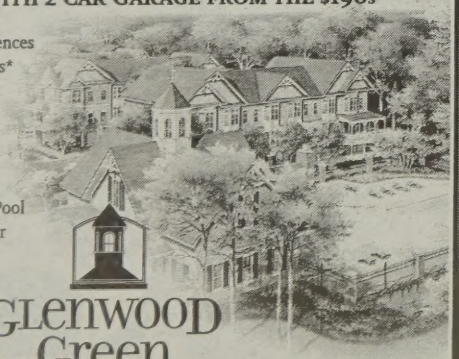

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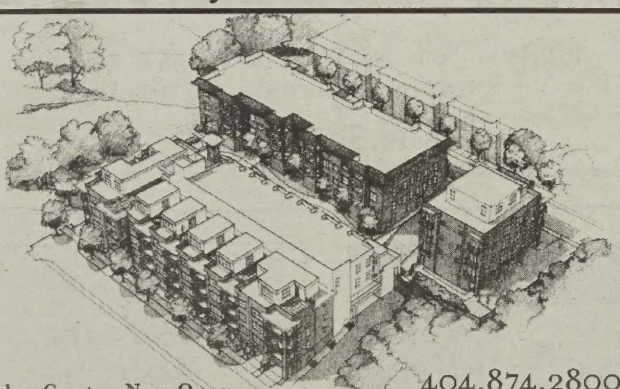

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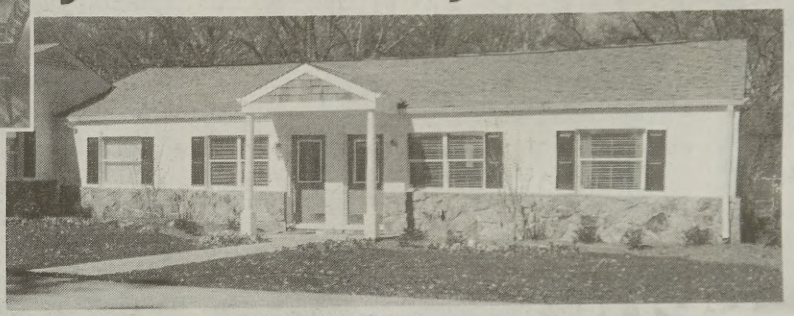

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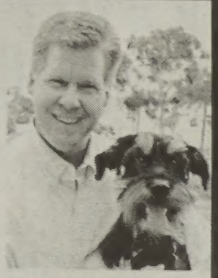

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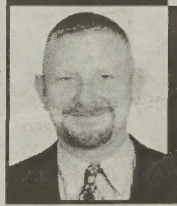

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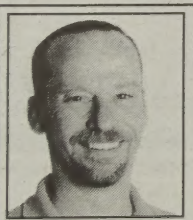

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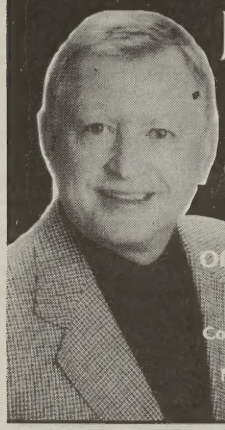

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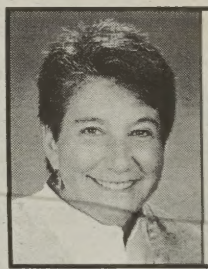

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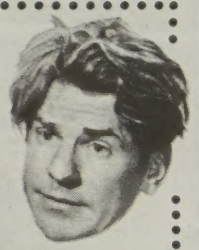

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Be careful of what you wish when transforming Pluto opposes stern Saturn. We push against the world and, instead of pushing back, the world crashes down… on our big toe. Be prepared for any and all scenarios, friends.

ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)
Why is there so much static on the line now? Blame the Saturn opposition for causing problems in communications. Thankfully, you don't give up easily and by next week you'll get your point across loud, proud and queer. Amen!

TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)
Try to maintain a balance between personal values and the values of lovers when Pluto opposes Saturn. But when does compromise become capitulation? You risk being swallowed up in the passion, proud Bull. Ah, but then again, what a way to go!

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)
If tugboat Pluto drags a dreamboat into your port, expect that Saturn will demand concessions from you. Non-committal pink Twins find their wandering feet hog-tied and their butts branded. Start to panic when they fire up the BBQ… Ouch!

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)
Proud Crabs are given a hard to resist job opportunity, until it curtails their spiritually uplifting, charitable endeavors. Saturn stresses duty over dreams and business before enlightenment. Forget about divinity, angel; you are now cast as dung beetle.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)
Pluto ignites your gay muse. But a spark can turn into a raging fire when Pluto opposes Saturn this week and pals barge into your act. You're followed by a bunch of untalented wannabees. Be kind; A diva needs an appreciative audience, you know.

VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)
Pluto provides a raging home fire while opposing Saturn stirs up a professional maelstrom. Gay Virgins need to be front and center. Both areas need to be carefully handled with sensitivity. Balance is everything; can you balance things without tipping over?

LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)
Pluto gives your thoughts pizazz and panache, but the Saturn opposition gives you a voice of tin. Queer Libras are unable to see the forest for all the trees and may focus on the one minor speck. My advice: listen to soothing music and don't obsess.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 – NOV. 22)
Proud Scorps can be smug when it comes to their financial acumen. Little do they know that a bull has been released in their duty free china shop. A sexual bolt out of the blue can become an expensive exercise. Love for sale? Does it come in leather?

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)
Pluto opposes Saturn this week and casts a pall over relationships. It seems that you can't be in two places with only one tush and partners feel left out of the action. Try to find a happy balance, queer Archer; it's hell to sleep alone.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)
Pump up the karma with good gay deeds. But no good deed goes unpunished when Pluto opposes Saturn. Pressures on the job mount and compromise or curtail your best efforts. Even saints have stressful days. Channel that stress. Hmm, any ideas?

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)
Pluto opposite Saturn prevents you from playing nicely and sharing with friends. Remember; when the crowd calls for the hook, it's always better to give up the stage. Stay in the chorus and let someone else hog the limelight for a change.

PISCES (FEB. 20 - MARCH 20)
Guppies have considerable oomph in the corporate arena now. The problem is the Saturn opposition which screws up home projects. Nobody has time to take out the garbage when they're jet setting on the company tab. Throw out the garbage next week.

For entertainment purposes only. For more information on Charlene Lichtenstein, including her new book, "HerScopes: A Guide to Astrology for Lesbians," visit www.AccessNewAge.com/Stargayzer.

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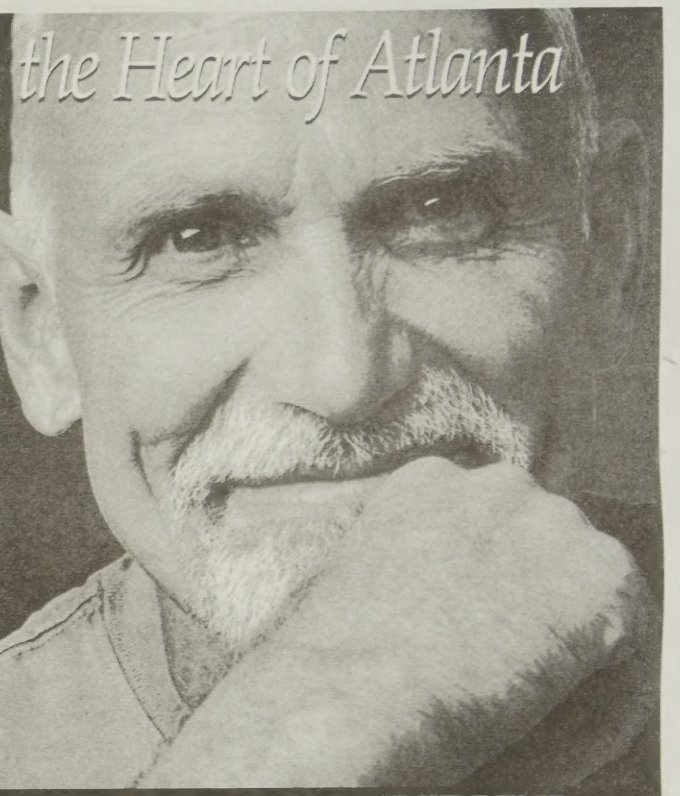

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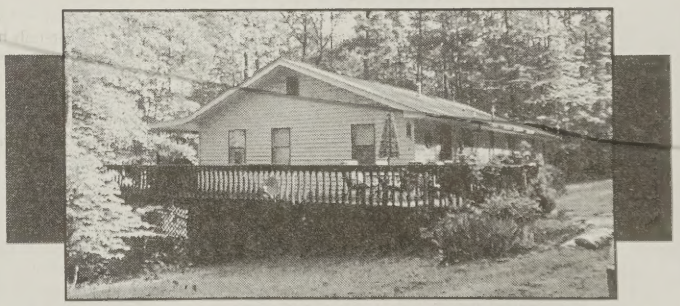

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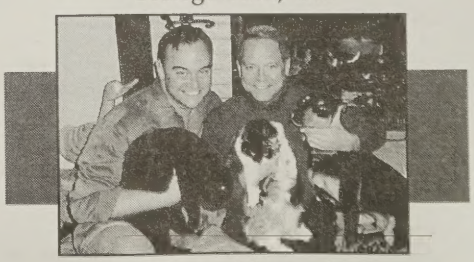

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